

October 16, 2019

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
PO Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street  
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**EB-2018-0177 – Hydro One Networks Inc. Leave to Construct Application for the Barrie Area Transmission Upgrade (BATU) Project**

InnPower writes to the Ontario Energy Board in support of Hydro One Networks Inc.'s application for the BATU Project. Within that Application, approval is sought for Hydro One to extend the capital contribution payment period required by InnPower to 15 years.

The OEB Notice of a Revised Proposal to Amend a Code (EB-2016-0003) dated August 23, 2018 with respect to Section 6.3.19 of the Transmission System Code says:

*The OEB believes the suggested modification to allow for an extended period of time has merit. The OEB therefore proposes that an application would need to be submitted by a distributor for an extension to pay in installments beyond five years. As a result, this proposed revision to the September Proposed Amendment to the TSC would incorporate flexibility to allow for an extension. An OEB Decision approving an extension would still be required on a case-by-case basis for the installment period to exceed five years. The OEB currently foresees only one justification for an extended period. That is, where the consumer bill impacts are still too high and continue to present a barrier to the implementation of a regional plan.*

InnPower hereby applies for approval of an extension to pay the capital contribution payable to Hydro One over a period of 15 years. InnPower requests this special treatment as we will have cost responsibility for over \$40M of the project's costs resulting in a required capital contribution of over \$15M, if payable within 5 years will impose increased financial pressure on the company as well as on InnPower's ratepayers. Further information is provided in InnPower's letter of support for the project, filed as Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

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CFO

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