

November 18, 2019

Ms. Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”)
Custom Incentive Rate-setting (“Custom IR”) Application for 2020-2022
Transmission Rates (OEB File No. EB-2019-0082)
Request for Confidential Treatment of Oral Hearing Undertaking Response**

We are counsel to Hydro One, the applicant in the above-referenced proceeding. On October 29, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board held Day 6 of the oral hearing during which undertaking J6.03 was given. Pursuant to rule 10.01 of the *OEB Rules of Practice and Procedure* and the OEB’s *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*, Hydro One hereby requests the confidential treatment, by means of redactions, of a portion of one page of the Productivity Review Report dated January 31, 2019 (the “Productivity Report”), which is provided as Attachment 1 to undertaking response J6.03.

Page 15 of the Productivity Report contains confidential information regarding the identity of certain vendors and their strategies relating to procurement activities that have a quantifiable impact on Hydro One’s work program. In certain instances, contractors’ names and productivity initiatives (along with quantifiable savings) are disclosed. Hydro One notes that there are very few providers for the relevant services and that the specific vendors used by the utility for these services are well known in the industry. Consequently, if the identities of these vendors are disclosed, their respective strategy in respect of Hydro One’s procurement initiatives will be reasonably identifiable. The disclosure of this commercially sensitive information would be prejudicial to Hydro One’s procurement process and negotiations with vendors and can adversely impact the competitive position of the relevant vendors.

The information described above, for which Hydro One requests confidential treatment, is consistent with the types of information for which confidential treatment is contemplated in Appendix 'A' to the Practice Direction and for which the OEB has consistently granted confidential treatment in prior proceedings.

Yours truly,

[Original signed by]

Charles Keizer

cc: Hydro One
All Parties

APPENDIX 'A'

Confidential Version of the Productivity Report

[Note: A copy of this Appendix has been filed confidentially with the OEB in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*]