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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)
Application for leave to upgrade existing transmission line facilities in the
Barrie-Innisfil area of Ontario**

OEB File Number: EB-2018-0117

OEB staff has reviewed the interrogatory responses filed by Hydro One on the Barrie Area Transmission Upgrade (BATU) Project and respectfully requests that the OEB provide for a technical conference in this proceeding.

OEB staff believes that further clarification is required to enable OEB staff to make its submission on the application, and that the OEB would be assisted by the technical conference. In general terms, OEB staff proposes to seek further clarification on matters connected with interrogatory responses related, but not limited to, load forecasts/project need; sustainment activities; bill impacts; the Capital Contribution Recovery Differential Account; Loan Methodology and Net Book Value Methodology to account for the capital contribution; and the extension of the capital contribution period.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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