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Dear Ms. Long:

Re: Board File No. EB-2018-0117

**Hydro One Networks Inc. – Application for leave to upgrade transmission line facilities
in the Barrie-Innisfil area**

Independent Electricity System Operator

On January 13, 2020 Ontario Energy Board (OEB) staff filed a letter requesting a technical conference to clarify the interrogatory responses filed by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One). On January 15, 2020 OEB staff filed a second letter stating their willingness to participate in a settlement conference, as proposed by Hydro One, if they were made a party to the settlement conference and requested that a technical conference be scheduled in case settlement is not reached.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is an intervenor in this application, and materials prepared by the IESO have been filed as evidence by Hydro One. The IESO is willing to attend and participate in a settlement conference and, if required, a technical conference to provide clarification on materials prepared by the IESO. In particular, the IESO can, if necessary, provide clarification on the need for the project and the alternatives considered as outlined in the Barrie/Innisfil Sub-Region Integrated Regional Resource Plan.

The IESO believes that all parties would be assisted if an Issues List was developed and approved by the OEB prior to a settlement conference. As outlined in the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure, settlement conferences are an attempt to effect a settlement of all or as many of the issues as possible, which would be facilitated if the issues were set out in advance. The IESO therefore requests that an approved Issues List be developed prior to a settlement conference commencing.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-957-3594.

Yours truly,

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