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Ms. Christine E. Long
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Long,

EB-2020-0188 – Hydro One Networks Inc. Leave to Construct Application – Power Downtown Toronto – Descope of Mid-Shaft

In advance of any interrogatories being posed by the City of Toronto, Hydro One would like to put on record that it intends to descope the mid-shaft (location B on the map provided at Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 1, Attachment 1) at Sherbourne St. and Shuter St. (“the mid-shaft”) from the works being requested as part of this Application.

The Mid-Shaft at Sherbourne St. and Shuter St.

Hydro One, in the Application filed with the OEB and in the original scope of work, proposed to construct the mid-shaft. The mid-shaft was contemplated along the tunnel route for access to and maintenance of the cables. This was similar to what was previously constructed in Hydro One’s mid-town Toronto project (EB-2009-0425). After filing the leave to construct application, the Project has continued to progress through detailed design and it has been determined that the mid-shaft proposed for the Power Downtown Toronto Project is not necessary. The descope of the mid-shaft will not impact reliability or the quality of electricity service. The mid-shaft can be descope because:

- i. The safety plan designed for this project doesn’t require this access point for an extraction of an injured individual or the safety of crews in the tunnel; and
- ii. The ventilation system designed for this project doesn’t require this additional shaft for atmospheric input.

There will be a minimal decrease on total construction costs, provided at Exhibit B, Tab 7, Schedule 1, as a result of the descoping of the mid-shaft. The impact will fall within the tolerance of an AACE Class 3 (-20% / +30%) estimate on which the Project costs were based. As a result, Hydro One will not be updating cost evidence for the Project at this time.

Hydro One trusts this letter should satisfy the request to modify the scope of this Project, however, should the OEB require, Hydro One will endeavor to update the prefiled evidence to remove references to the mid-shaft as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanne Richardson".

Joanne Richardson

c/ EB-2020-0188 Intervenors (Electronic only)