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Ms. Christine E. Long  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street  
P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long,

**EB-2020-0176 – Regional Planning Process Review Consultation – Potential Member of the RPPAG**

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On December 10, 2020, the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) issued a letter which initiated a review of the Regional Planning Process. The OEB indicated that it intends to re-establish the Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (“RPPAG”) and requested that interested stakeholders submit a letter indicating their interest. With this letter, Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) would like to request its continued participation in the RPPAG.

Hydro One plays a significant role in Regional Planning activities in Ontario and has a keen interest in this matter. As the province’s largest transmitter, Hydro One is the lead transmitter in all but one of the planning regions in the province and is accountable for the Needs Assessment and Regional Infrastructure Plan phases of the Regional Planning process. Hydro One also participates as a distributor in many of the planning regions in the province and has extensive experience connecting distributed energy resources to its distribution system.<sup>1</sup> Through its involvement in these various facets of the regional planning process, Hydro One is well positioned to provide a unique and important perspective for this proceeding.

Hydro One wishes to nominate Robert Reinmuller, Director – Transmission System Planning for participation in the RPPAG. Mr. Reinmuller is a licenced Professional Engineer with over 30 years of experience in the industry, and currently responsible for Transmission System Planning at Hydro One. Among other responsibilities, Mr. Reinmuller’s team is also accountable for leading Hydro One’s participation in the Regional Planning Process and the completion of any associated

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<sup>1</sup> Hydro One has approximately 3800MW of Distributed Energy Resources connected directly to its distribution system or downstream of delivery points serving distributors embedded in its distribution system.

studies and assessments. Hydro One believes that Mr. Reinmuller's experience and knowledge would make him a valuable contributor to the RPPAG.

Hydro One looks forward to participating in this important proceeding. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Mr. Reinmuller at [Robert.Reinmuller@hydroone.com](mailto:Robert.Reinmuller@hydroone.com) if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank D'Andrea". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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