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Ms. Christine E. Long, Registrar
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Long:

EB-2020-0286: Status Report on Operations of Cat Lake

Please find enclosed Status Report on Operations of Cat Lake.

Should you have any questions on this update, please contact Yoon Kim at (416) 345-5228 or via email at regulatory@HydroOne.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jeffrey Smith", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeffrey Smith

Status Report on Operations of Cat Lake

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) is providing this update to the Board in advance of the expiry on January 23, 2021, of the current Interim Distribution Licence for Cat Lake.

In a Decision and Order dated July 21, 2006 (EB-2006-0180), the Board issued an order (ED-2006-0181) deeming as distribution assets all the transmission assets owned by the Cat Lake Public Utility and issued then a three-month interim distribution licence to Hydro One. The Board ordered Hydro One to take possession and control of the deemed distribution assets owned by Cat Lake Power and the distribution assets in the Cat Lake community owned by the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (“OEFC”). Hydro One assumed possession and control of the assets covered by this order at 12:01 a.m. on August 14, 2006. The Board has subsequently amended the interim electricity distribution licences ED-2006-0181, and most recently extended it for a six-month term on July 24, 2020 (EB-2020-0155). Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (“Remotes”) still expects to file a MAAD application to include Cat Lake in Remotes’ service territory, as noted by the Board in its Decision and Order in Remotes’ 2013 rate application (EB-2012-0137), once an agreement with the community has been reached and required government approvals have been secured. Discussions with the community are ongoing in this regard.

This progress report updates the report that Hydro One filed on July 9, 2020. It covers the Cat Lake utility activities to date and provides financial results until December 31, 2020.

Tracking of Cost

As directed, Hydro One is recording the revenues from the customers in the Cat Lake community and the costs of operation and maintenance of the system. The energy costs, OM&A costs and capital costs are recorded separately. As of December 31, 2020, the total costs recorded since taking possession and control are as follows:

Cumulative Costs incurred by Hydro One for Cat Lake

Capital:	\$3,517,679
OM&A:	\$5,463,684
Cost of Energy:	\$6,029,249
Interest Cost:	\$730,107
Total	\$15,740,719

Tracking of Revenue

As of December 31, 2020, Hydro One has cumulatively collected the following amounts from Cat Lake customers (rounded to the nearest dollar):

September to December 2006	\$29,787
January to December 2007	\$477,319
January to December 2008	\$477,751
January to December 2009	\$437,198
January to December 2010	\$446,712
January to December 2011	\$488,469
January to December 2012	\$566,363
January to December 2013	\$298,490
January to December 2014	\$234,072
January to December 2015	\$488,254
January to December 2016	\$312,226
January to December 2017	\$576,204
January to December 2018	\$265,595
January to December 2019	\$384,240
January to December 2020	\$435,450
Total	\$5,918,130

Bills have been issued to customers on a monthly basis, with the most recent bills in the reporting period issued in December 31 of 2020. The total amount invoiced at that time was approximately **\$2,473,782**. This amount includes HST, arrears, and late payment charges where applicable. The issued bills include the following amounts:

Current (0-39 days)	\$125,666
Overdue (40-69 days)	\$15,870
Overdue (70-89 days)	\$17,944
Overdue (90+ days)	<u>\$2,314,302</u>
Total	\$2,473,782

Regulatory Assets account balance

As of December 31, 2020, the balance in the deferral account related to Cat Lake is **\$9,822,589**.

Operations

Operations were normal with no significant events during the reporting period (January – December 2020).

Planned Work and Further Reporting

As protection upgrade in the community has been put on hold due to COVID-19, the in- service date has been deferred to July 2021. This may have to be further postponed depending on when the community lifts its restriction to access to the area. This project is deferred to July 2021 because it requires an extensive outage and there is an opportunity to bundle with another outage at that time.

Hydro One continues to operate the Cat Lake system and to manage issues associated with its operations. We will also continue to inform the Board and its staff of any significant issues, to solicit advice and guidance as needed, and to provide information in support of the Board's review of the Cat Lake situation.