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### BY EMAIL AND RESS

February 12, 2021

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

Dear Ms. Long:

# Hydro One Networks' Request for Leave to Sell Distribution Assets to Bell Canada located in West Guilford.

Hydro One Networks seeks the Board's approval under Section 86(1)(b) of the Ontario Energy Board Act ("the Act"), for leave to sell assets to Bell Canada. Given that the proposed sale has no material effect on any other party, we ask that the Board dispose of this proceeding without a hearing under Section 21(4)(b) of the Act.

An electronic copy of this application has been submitted using the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Should you have any questions on this application, please contact Pasquale Catalano at (416) 345-5405 or via email at <a href="mailto:Pasquale.Catalano@HydroOne.com">Pasquale.Catalano@HydroOne.com</a>

Sincerely,

Joanne Richardson



## Application Form for Applications Under Section 86(1)(b) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998

#### **Application Instructions**

### 1. Purpose of This Form

This form is to be used by parties applying under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"). Please note that the Board may require information that is additional or supplementary to the information filed in this form and that the filing of the form does not preclude the applicant from filing additional or supplementary information.

## 2. Completion Instructions

This form is in a writeable PDF. The applicant must either:

- type answers to all questions, print two copies, and sign both copies; or
- print a copy of the form, clearly print answers to all questions, make a copy, and sign both copies.

Please send both copies of the completed form and two copies of any attachments to:

Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 27<sup>th</sup> Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

If you have any questions regarding the completion of this application, please contact the Market Operations Hotline by telephone at 416-440-7604 or 1-888-632-6273 or email at <a href="market.operations@oeb.gov.on.ca">market.operations@oeb.gov.on.ca</a>.

The Board's "Performance Standards for Processing Applications" are indicated on the "Corporate Information and Reports" section of the Board's website at <a href="www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>. Applicants are encouraged to consider the timelines required to process applications to avoid submitting applications too late. If the submitted application is incomplete, it may be returned by the Board or there may be a delay in processing the application.

#### PART I: IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES

1.1 Name of Applicant

Legal name of the applicant: Hydro One Networks Inc.

Name of Primary Contact: Pasquale Catalano

Title/Position: Advisor, Regulatory Affairs

Address of Head Office: 483 Bay Street, South Tower, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, M5G 2P5

Phone: 416-345-5405 Fax: 416-345-5866

Email: Regulatory@HydroOne.com

1.2 Other Party to the Transaction (If more than one attach a list)

Name of other party: Bell Canada
Name of Primary Contact: Luke Barker

Title/Position: Implementation Manager

Address of Head Office: 9 High St., Huntsville, ON, P1H 1P2

Phone: **613-298-6029** 

Fax: N/A

Email: luke.barker1@bell.ca

	3 If the proposed recipient is not a licensed distributor or transmitter, is it a distributor or transmitter that is exempted from the requirement to hold a distribution or transmission licence?					
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	The assets sub	ject to this sale co	nsist of 11	poles. See d	etails below.	
	Asset Listing –	-				
	Pole	Pole Height	T	<del></del>	<del></del>	<u> </u>
	Barcode	(ft.)	Year	Quantity	Sale Price	
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	AUYDJP	45	1970	1	\$50.00	
	AUYDGZ	50	1968	1	\$1.00	$\neg$
	AUYDFU	60	1989	1	\$1,865.00	7
	AUYDEP	45	1970	1	\$50.00	$\neg$
	AUYDCF	50	1968	1	\$1.00	
	AUYDBA	50	1968	1	\$1.00	
	AUYD2Y	45	1970	1	\$50.00	<u> </u>
	AUYAMR	45	1970	1	\$50.00	
	AUYALM	60	1979	1	\$933.00	
	AUYANW	45	1970	1	\$50.00	
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2.3	Are the assets su	urplus to the applican	it's needs?			
	Yes					
	⊠ No					

If yes, please indicate why the assets are surplus and when they became surplus.

2.4	Are the assets useful to the proposed recipient or any other party in serving the public?
	Yes     □ No
	If yes, please indicate why.
	The assets will continue to supply the load to the existing customers at the same location as they are being served presently. The proposed sale is an ownership change only for the purpose of maintaining the ownership balance between Bell Canada and Hydro One as per the Joint Use Agreement. As per the Joint Use agreement, if Bell Canada wants to do any work in their prime exchange areas, they must hold ownership of the poles. Hydro One will continue to be on these poles as a tenant.
2.5	Please identify which utility's customers are currently served by the assets.
	Hydro One
2.6	Please identify which utility's customers will be served by the assets after the transaction and into the foreseeable future.
	Hydro One
PART	III: DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION
3.1	Will the proposed transaction be a sale, lease or other?
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3.4	Would the proposed transfer impact distribution or transmission rates of the applicant?
	☐ Yes ☑ No
	If yes, please explain how.
3.5	Will the transaction adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service, operational flexibility or economic efficiency of the applicant or the proposed recipient?
	☐ Yes ☑ No
	If yes, please explain how.
PART	IV: WRITTEN CONSENT/JOINT AGREEMENT
4.1 F	Please provide the proposed recipient's written consent to the transfer of the assets by attaching:  (a) a letter from the proposed recipient consenting to the transfer of the assets;  (b) a letter or proposed sale agreement jointly signed by the applicant and the proposed recipient agreeing to the transfer of the assets; or  (c) the proposed recipient's signature on the application.
	(a) The letter is found in Attachment 2.
PART	V: REQUEST FOR NO HEARING
5.1	Does the applicant request that the application be determined by the Board without a hearing? If yes, please provide:  (a) an explanation as to how no person, other than the applicant or licence holder, will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding; and  (b) the proposed recipient's written consent to dispose of the application without a hearing.
	<ul><li>(a) The proposed transfer of assets is within Bell Canada's prime exchange and it has no material effect on any party other than the purchaser and the seller.</li><li>(b) The letter is found in Attachment 2.</li></ul>

## PART VI: OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide the Board with any other information that is relevant to the application. When providing this additional information, please have due regard to the Board's objectives in relation to electricity.

### PART VII: CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

## 7.1 <u>Certification and Acknowledgment</u>

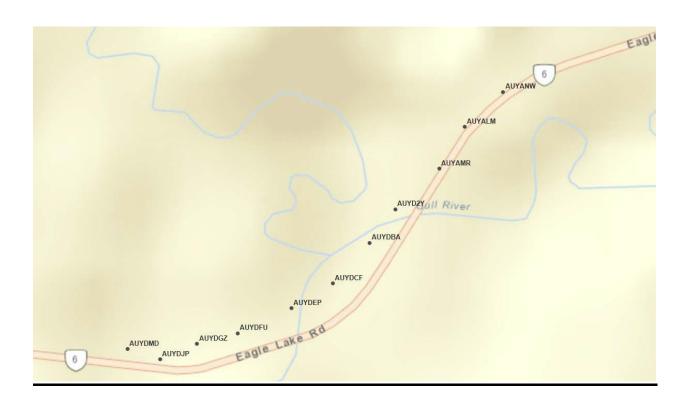
I certify that the information contained in this application and in the documents provided are true and accurate.

	Print Name of Key Individual	Title/Position
Signature of Key Individual		
	Joanne Richardson	Director - Major Projects and
		Partnerships
	Date	Company
	February-12-21	
		Hydro One Networks Inc.

(Must be signed by a key individual. A key individual is one that is responsible for executing the following functions for the applicant: matters related to regulatory requirements and conduct, financial matters and technical matters. These key individuals may include the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, other officers, directors or proprietors.)

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

# **Asset Location**



## **ATTACHMENT 2**

## **Consent Letter**

Hydro One Networks Inc. 483 Bay Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M5G 2P5 www.HydroOne.com Tel: (416) 873–1296

Email: arjun devdas@hydroone.com



Arjun Devdas Manager, Asset Optimization Strategy & Integrated Planning

### November 5, 2020

Bell Canada 9 High St. Huntsville, Ontario P1H 1P2

Attention: Luke Barker

### RE: Sale of Hydro One Networks Inc. Joint Use Pole - Eagle Lake Rd.

This letter is to confirm Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") agreement to sell 11 poles currently owned by Hydro One to Bell Canada ("Bell"), conditional to the Ontario Energy Board's ("OEB") approval. This also confirms that Bell supports Hydro One to proceed with the Section 86(1)(b) application without a hearing. Bell has agreed to take ownership of Hydro One 11 poles.

Bell has agreed to take over ownership of 11 poles. The sale will be conditional on the following reassurance being given to Hydro One:

1.0 Acceptance of the existing joint use tenants, where applicable, whose tenancy with Hydro One will be subsequently terminated upon the sales transaction.

The 11 poles will be transferred, following the OEB's approval, on an "as is, where is" basis, pursuant to Hydro One's Joint Use agreement. The assets being sold in this transaction below and in attachments 1.

- Since these assets are being sold on an "as is, where is" basis, the residual value has been modified to remove the cost of pulling the pole
- The sale price is \$4,272.00 plus \$555.36 HST for a total of \$4,827.36
- The following poles are to be sold to Bell Canada:

AUYDMD	Residual wood pole value 55' year 1986	\$1,221
AUYDJP	Residual wood pole value 45' year 1970	\$50
AUYDGZ	Residual wood pole value 50' year 1968	\$1
AUYDFU	Residual wood pole value 60' year 1989	\$1,865
AUYDEP	Residual wood pole value 45' year 1970	\$50
AUYDCF	Residual wood pole value 50' year 1968	\$1
AUYDBA	Residual wood pole value 50' year 1968	\$1
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AUYAMR	Residual wood pole value 45' year 1970	\$50
AUYALM	Residual wood pole value 60' year 1979	\$933
AUYANW	Residual wood pole value 45' year 1970	\$50
	TOTAL	\$4,272.00

If you are in agreement with the conditions of the sale of these 11 poles, please sign and return this letter at your earliest convenience. On receipt of this signed letter of consent, we will proceed to obtain formal approval from the OEB to transfer the 11 poles to Bell Canada.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours trul

Original Signed by Arjun Devdas

Arjun Devdas Manager, Asset Optimization Strategy & Integrated Planning Hydro One Networks Inc.

## **Acknowledgement**

I, Luke Barker, of Bell Canada, agree with content, terms and conditions set out in this letter regarding the sale of 11 poles currently owned by Hydro One to Bell Canada and support Hydro One to proceed with the Section 86(1)(b) application without a hearing.

Original Signed by Luke Barker
Per:
Name: Luke Barker
Company: Bell Canada
I have authority to bind the corporation.

## **Attachment 1**

