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Ms. Christine E. Long  
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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc.  
Leave to Construct Application – Hawthorne to Merivale Reconductoring  
OEB Staff Submission  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2020-0265**

The OEB has scheduled a Technical Conference in the above noted proceeding for March 16, 2021 to clarify matters arising from the interrogatories related to Alternatives 3 and 4 only. In reviewing Hydro One's application and responses to interrogatories, OEB Staff believes that the OEB could be assisted by additional information related to the need for the project. OEB staff respectfully requests that the scope of the Technical Conference be expanded to allow for further exploration of interrogatories related to project need.

OEB staff suggests that this is the most expeditious way to complete the record and that the additional information obtained through an expanded scope for the Technical Conference will allow OEB staff and the parties to make a more informed submission on the project. OEB staff has discussed the possibility of an expanded scope for the technical conference with both Hydro One and the IESO, and understand that both organizations are amenable to addressing OEB staff's questions in this manner.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

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