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VIA Email

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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2020-0265
Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) – Leave to Construct
Hawthorne to Merivale Reconductoring Project
Independent Electricity System Operator – Reply Submission Request**

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is in receipt of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) staff's submission in respect of the above noted matter, filed in accordance with Procedural Order No. 4. In that submission, OEB staff submitted that the IESO did not demonstrate that Hydro One's proposed alternative 3 (the "project") addresses an identified need, nor did it demonstrate that the project would be the appropriate alternative to address any such need. OEB staff invited an explanation as to why the planning analysis is adequate to support the need for the project.

As it is not the applicant in this proceeding, the IESO is requesting OEB approval to provide a reply submission on the need for the project and the solution required to address the need.

If such request is granted, the IESO would file its reply submission within the procedural timelines outlined in Procedural Order No. 4, which is March 30, 2021.

Please contact me directly at 416-957-3594 or Devon.Huber@ieso.ca if you have any questions

Yours truly,

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cc: Eryn Mackinnon, Hydro One
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