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## BY EMAIL AND RESS

June 9, 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:

## EB-2018-0270 – Hydro One Networks Inc. Purchase of Orillia Power Distribution Corp. – Integration Complete

On April 30 and July 9, 2020, the Ontario Energy Board ("the Board") issued Decisions and a Rate Order granting approval for Hydro One Inc. ("HOI") to purchase all issued and outstanding shares of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation ("OPDC") and for HOI to then transfer the assets and liabilities of the electricity distribution business from OPDC to Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One"). The decisions also approved the transfer OPDC's rate orders to Hydro One.

On September 1, 2020, HOI purchased the outstanding shares of OPDC and OPDC transferred its distribution system to Hydro One. On February 17, 2021 the Board transferred OPDC's rate order to Hydro One, canceled OPDC's distribution licence (ED-2002-0530) and amended Hydro One's distribution licence (ED-2003-0043).

On June 1, 2021, the integration of OPDC into Hydro One's distribution system was completed.

In the Decision and Rate Order issued on July 9, 2020 the Board found that the Tariff of Rates and Charges for OPDC customers must include Hydro One's Specific Service Charges ("SSCs") as at the date of closing the transaction. The Board also accepted that there may be transitional issues with implementing the new SSCs and therefore permitted a transition period until March 1, 2022 to implement any of the SSCs that are difficult to implement prior to integration of the billing system. On September 2, 2020, Hydro One informed the Board that the purchase transaction was complete and identified all SSCs that will be charged specifically to OPDC customers that differ from those included



in the approved EB-2018-0270 rate schedules. Hydro One is informing the Board that the former customers of OPDC will now be charged all the SSCs as provided in their rate order dated July 9, 2020.

If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

An electronic copy of this Application and Evidence has been filed through the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Sincerely,

Joanne Richardson