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BY EMAIL AND RESS

October 7, 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-2021-0110 – Custom IR Application (2023-2027) for Hydro One Networks Inc. Transmission and Distribution**

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This letter is in response to the letter from Mr. Davies (OEB Staff) to the OEB earlier today, raising two points.

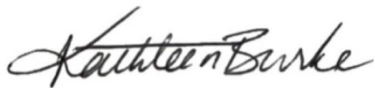
First, in his letter Mr. Davies requests that Hydro One make Clearspring's working papers available to all parties at this stage, prior to OEB Staff or intervenors submitting interrogatories. In Hydro One's submissions on October 5, 2021 we did not mean to suggest that these working papers have already been provided. Rather, we were indicating that by the time PEG delivers its responding report, it will have had a chance to consider Clearspring's report and its accompanying working papers and so PEG will have an opportunity to address them in preparing its responding report. In any event, as previously indicated (including in our September 16, 2021 letter) Hydro One has no objection to accommodating OEB Staff's request for early access to the Clearspring working papers at this stage of the process, provided the subsequent exchange of information and reports between the experts is also handled fairly and efficiently for both sides. We have asked that OEB Staff similarly provide the PEG working papers at the time it delivers PEG's responding report (in advance of interrogatories), so that Clearspring will have a fair and timely opportunity to review and consider its response to them.

We have asked that the confidentiality of the Clearspring working papers be appropriately protected at this stage. In Mr. Davies' letter, he confirmed that OEB Staff has no objection to this. We assume this includes that PEG will provide the standard Declaration and Undertaking at this stage. The working papers will consist of the same types of documents that have previously been produced in prior proceedings as comprising the working papers and as listed in Mr. Davies' letter.

Second, in respect of the confidentiality protocols of OEB Staff for the protection of the confidential labour relations appendix, Hydro One would like to ensure there are appropriate protections in place to keep the appendix confidential and that only appropriate individuals have access to it. Any OEB Staff who are members of the SUP union should not have access to it. Appropriate protocols could consist of execution of the Declaration and Undertaking (as requested in Hydro One's August 5 request) or other alternative protocols. We would be pleased to further discuss this with OEB Staff to get an understanding of the protocols in place and to ensure this point is being appropriately addressed.

A copy has been filed on the OEB's electronic filing system and served on all parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Burke".

Kathleen Burke