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Ms. Christine Long

Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2021-0107 – Hydro One Networks Inc. – Leave to Construct Application
– Ansonville TS and Kirkland Lake TS Project**

I am writing to provide the submissions of Environmental Defence in the above proceeding.

The main issue that Environmental Defence wished to explore was whether the conductors could be upsized cost-effectively in this leave to construct application. Based on the responses provided to Environmental Defence's interrogatories, it appears that upsizing conductors would likely not be cost-effective. Accordingly, we are not asking the OEB to direct Hydro One to upsize the conductors in this project.

There is still an outstanding question regarding the adequacy of Hydro One's methodology for assessing project alternatives with respect to transmission loss reductions and increased capacity. However, this is not the appropriate case to resolve that issue. This question is better addressed in Hydro One's ongoing 2023-2027 rates case (EB-2021-0110).

Yours truly,



Amanda Montgomery