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January 18, 2022

Ms. Nancy Marconi Acting Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4 Registrar@oeb.ca

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission on Draft Rate Order Hydro One Networks Inc. - Former Service Areas of Norfolk Power Distribution Inc., Haldimand County Hydro Inc., and Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.

Application for 2022 Electricity Distribution Rates

OEB File Number: EB-2021-0033

Pursuant to the OEB's Decision and Order Dated December 16, 2021, Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed a Draft Rate Order (DRO) with supporting material on January 13, 2022.

OEB staff has reviewed the DRO and submits that Hydro One has implemented the OEB's findings and the direction set out in the Decision and Order, with some minor exceptions noted below.

1. On page three of the DRO, Hydro One states "[a]s part of this DRO, Hydro One has elected to include a calculation of the forgone revenue from January 1, 2022 to **December** 31, 2022 consistent with the Decision, with the recovery of these forgone revenue amounts over an 11-month period commencing February 1, 2022 (emphasis added)." OEB staff notes this is a typo and should say "As part of this DRO, Hydro One has elected to include a calculation of the forgone revenue from January 1, 2022 to **January** 31, 2022 consistent with the Decision, with the recovery of these forgone revenue amounts over an 11-month period commencing February 1, 2022." The calculation of the forgone revenue in attachment nine is calculated correctly.

- 2. The proposed 2022 tariff (Tab 19) from the rate generator model, and the resulting tariff produced by the model, have been updated for the Woodstock Hydro Service Inc. service area to include the "Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order". The rate generator model and the tariff filed with the DRO did not incorporate this rate rider.
- 3. On Tab 19 of the rate generator model, for the Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. and Haldimand County Hydro Inc. service areas, the Retail Transmission Rate -Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate for the General Service 50 – 499. Sentinel and Street Lighting rate classes have been updated by OEB staff to maintain the existing 2021 retail transmission rates, in accordance with the OEB's Decision and Order and the DRO.

On Tab 19 of the rate generator model, for the Woodstock Hydro Service Inc. service area, the Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate. for the General Service 50 – 999, General Service Greater 1000 and Street Lighting rate classes have been updated by OEB staff to maintain the existing 2021 retail transmission rates, in accordance with the OEB's Decision and Order and the DRO.

The tariffs filed with the DRO appropriately reflect the 2021 RTSRs, however, the models did not. OEB staff has updated the models for consistency and attached them to this submission.

With these minor changes, OEB staff submits that the DRO appropriately implements the OEB's Decision and Order, and is consistent with the additional guidance with respect to the DRO provided by the OEB in its Notice of Hearing, Procedural Order No. 1 and Decision on Request for a Partial Stay issued on January 12, 2022.1

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cc: All parties in EB-2021-0033

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