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Dear Ms. Richardson:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)  
Leave to Construct Application – Power Downtown Toronto,  
Change Notification  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2020-0188**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of your letter dated February 18, 2022 (February letter), in which you informed of a material change to the Power Downtown Toronto Project (Project).

The Project was granted leave to construct approval by the OEB on February 25, 2021.<sup>1</sup> One of the conditions of approval was to advise the OEB of any material change in the Project. Another condition was that unless otherwise ordered by the OEB, authorization for leave to construct shall terminate 12 months from the date of the Decision and Order, unless construction has commenced prior to that date.

The change identified in the February letter is a new Project in-service date of December 2026 with construction set to commence immediately. The estimated Project in-service date approved in the leave to construct application (Application) was December 2024. The February letter also advised that Project costs are anticipated to increase over the amount provided in the Application but are forecast to fall well within the Application's Class 3 AACE estimate.

The OEB requires clarification from Hydro One on its February letter and has prepared

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2020-0188, Decision and Order, issued February 25, 2021

the following questions. Hydro One's responses to these questions will assist the OEB in determining how to proceed. The in-service date of the Project is within the term of Hydro One's Joint Rate Application (JRAP) EB-2021-0110. The OEB therefore expects the responses to be filed on the record of that proceeding.

**OEB Questions for Hydro One on the February letter:**

1. What is the cause of the in-service delay?
2. What is the cause of the cost increase?
3. In Hydro One and the IESO's assessment, are changes required to the IESO SIA and Hydro One CIA because of the in-service delay?
4. In Hydro One and the IESO's assessment, will the in-service delay impact supply reliability to Toronto given the advanced age of the existing cables?
5. Does the estimated cost increase change the transmission alternative that Hydro One would have proposed?
6. Has construction started?
7. Is the update to the Power Downtown Project reflected in the update to Hydro One's Joint Rate Application?

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar

c: All Parties in EB-2020-0188