June 22, 2022

VIA EMAIL: Registrar@oeb.ca

Attn: REGISTRAR Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Registrar,

Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. Leave to Construct Application - Board File No.: EB-2022-0140

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent (the "Municipality") has received the Board's Notice of the above captioned application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct approximately 49 kilometers of transmission line facilities in the West of Chatham area. The Municipality requests intervenor status in this matter.

Description of the Intervenor

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a municipality established pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001.* It is a rural community of approximately 110,000 people located in Southwestern Ontario, and is comprised of 2500 square kilometres, much of which is agricultural based, but also has a thriving commercial and industrial economy. A more fulsome description of the said proposed Intervenor, including in respect of its area and location, can be found at the Municipality's website: <u>www.chatham-kent.ca</u>.

Interest and Grounds for Intervention

The Municipality has a direct interest in the proposed project as it passes through Chatham-Kent and will be located partially within municipal property and on private easement. Additionally, the proposed project deals with the creation of additional transmission capacity in the area west of the City of Chatham, in large part to support expanding greenhouse, food processing and related agricultural operations in that region which are of vital concern to the Municipality and its inhabitants in terms of economic growth and expansion.

Nature and Scope of Intended Participation

The Municipality intends to participate by reviewing the application and pre-filed evidence, all intervenor evidence and all submissions of the applicant and intervenors.

The Municipality wishes to participate on all issues raised by the participants or that arise in response to same.

The Municipality requests the right to file evidence and make submissions before the Board panel, including the right to examine and cross-examine witnesses, to make submissions

through counsel, and to attend by personal representative if an oral hearing is held. The Municipality has no preference with respect to whether the matter proceeds by written or oral hearing and will abide by the Board's determination in that respect.

The Municipality submits that its involvement as intervenor will not unnecessarily complicate or delay these proceedings.

Request for the Written Evidence

The Municipality requests an electronic copy of any written evidence filed to date, other than Hydro One's application, or a link(s) to the place(s) on the Board's website where such material is available. The Municipality further requests it be provided with notice and electronic copies of all documents and steps in the application as they occur.

Costs

The Municipality is not eligible for an award of costs as per Section 3.05(i) the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, however, the Municipality reserves the right to seek costs depending upon the extent of its involvement and contribution throughout the proceeding and if exceptions to section 3.05 apply.

Language

The Municipality will participate in the English Language.

Service and Delivery of Documents in this Proceeding

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent requests that copies of all documents filed or issued in connection with this proceeding, including the evidence and submissions of the Applicant and all intervenors, and any notices or correspondence, be forwarded to myself:

Attn: David Taylor Director of Legal Services Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent Telephone: (519) 360-1998 Fax: (519) 436-3237 Email: <u>davet@chatham-kent.ca</u>

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This letter of intervention is respectfully submitted on behalf of the proposed Intervenor Municipality.

Sincerely,

David V. Taylor Director of Legal Services