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Dear Ms. Kathleen Burke and Mr. Duane Fecteau:

**Re: Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (Remotes)
2023 Revenue Requirement and Rates
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0041**

On October 19, 2022, in response to Wataynikaneyap Power LP's (WPLP's) intervention request, Remotes stated that it does not object to WPLP's intervention, but requested that if the OEB were to grant WPLP status, the OEB scope WPLP's intervention "to pertain only to the issues that specifically affect WPLP". More particularly, Remotes submitted that:

- a) The capital and operating costs arising from the integration, and any related issues from the planned integration, should be limited to costs, work, or investments impacting WPLP specifically.
- b) As WPLP is an electricity transmitter to Remotes, it is not impacted by Remotes' electricity rates. Rather, recovery of costs affects Remotes' customers only.

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on October 19, 2022. The OEB granted WPLP intervenor status and allowed WPLP to file a response to Remotes' letter regarding the scope of WPLP's participation.

On October 24, 2022, WPLP filed its response. WPLP did not object in principle to Remotes' request to the OEB, "provided that, for clarity, such scope would include any direct or indirect impacts on WPLP, including the impact of HORCI's operations, and the manner in which it carries out such operations, on WPLP's ability to deliver the services that it has committed to providing to each of the connecting First Nation Communities and the manner in which WPLP can provide such services."

The OEB has considered Remotes' request regarding the scope of WPLP's intervention and WPLP's response, in which WPLP appears to agree to limit the scope of its participation, subject to certain qualifications. The OEB is satisfied with the proposed scope of WPLP's participation as described in its October 24, 2022 letter.

Although it is not entirely clear to the OEB what WPLP means by "indirect" impacts, the examples provided by WPLP appear to be within a reasonable scope of participation for WPLP. The OEB will not further restrict WPLP's participation at this time, beyond that set out in the October 24, 2022 WPLP letter. The OEB expects, however, that WPLP will participate responsibly in this proceeding, and that its participation in the process will be focused on relevant and material issues.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar