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#### **BY EMAIL AND RESS**

November 2, 2022

Ms. Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street P.O. Box 2319 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi,

# EB-2022-0190 – B2M Limited Partnership (B2M LP) – Application for 2023 Transmission Revenue Requirement – Application Update

Pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and the Ontario Energy Board's Decision in EB-2019-0178, Hydro One Networks Inc., on behalf of B2M Limited Partnership (B2M LP), is submitting B2M LP's updated 2023 transmission rates revenue requirement application to reflect the 2023 cost of capital parameters as set out in the OEB's October 20, 2022 letter. The following exhibits have been updated:

- Exhibit A-2-1 Application (update to reflect the total rates revenue requirement seeking approval)
- Exhibit A-2-1-1 Certification of Evidence (certification for this version of the Application)
- Exhibit A-4-1 Application Summary (update to the revenue requirement calculation for 2023 rates and resulting rate and bill impacts)

An electronic copy of this updated application has been submitted using the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Sincerely,

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1		APPLICATION
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3		IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,
4		S.O.1998, c.15 (Schedule B);
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6		AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by B2M Limited
7		Partnership by its general partner, Hydro One Indigenous
8		Partnerships Inc. (HOIP), for an Order or Orders pursuant to
9		section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 approving rates
10		and other charges for the transmission of electricity to be effective
11		January 1, 2022.
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13	1.	The applicant, B2M Limited Partnership (B2M LP), is a limited partnership with a
14		general partner and two limited partners. The partnership interests are held as
15		follows:
16		a. Hydro One Indigenous Partnerships Inc. (HOIP) holds a 0.1% interest in
17		B2M LP. HOIP also serves as the general partner;
18		b. Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) holds a 65.7% interest in B2M LP as a
19		limited partner. HOIP and HONI are affiliates of Hydro One Inc. (HOI);
20		and,
21		c. Saugeen Ojibway Nation Finance Corporation (SONFC) holds a 34.2%
22		interest as a limited partner. SONFC is a corporation owned equally by,
23		and the Nominee of, the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation and
24		Chippewas of Nawash First Nation.
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26	2.	B2M LP has its head office in Woodstock, Ontario. B2M LP is licensed by the
27		Ontario Energy Board (the OEB or the Board), under licence number ET-2013-
28		0078, to transmit electricity and carry on the business of owning and operating
29		transmission facilities in southwestern Ontario. Specifically, B2M LP is licensed
30		to own and operate circuits B560V, terminating near Bruce A TS and Milton SS,
31		and B561M terminating near Bruce B SS and Milton SS.

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 In the OEB's Decision and Order for B2M LP's Revenue Cap incentive ratesetting (IR) application (EB-2019-0178), the OEB approved the proposed Revenue Cap IR methodology and determined that this framework would be used to determine B2M LP's revenue requirement for the years 2021 through 2024.<sup>1</sup>

- This is an Application for B2M LP's 2023 transmission revenue requirement
   determined formulaically, using the Revenue Cap Index methodology approved
   in EB-2019-0178.
- 5. B2M LP hereby applies to the Board for an Order approving a total rates revenue requirement of \$34,728,950 for 2023, to be effective on January 1, 2023, along with an amendment to the 2023 Uniform Transmission Rates to allow for recovery of this amount.
- B2M LP is not requesting approval to disburse any deferral and variance account
   balances in this Application.
- 7. Approval of the 2023 rates revenue requirement does not materially impact the total bill for a typical Hydro One medium density residential (R1) customer consuming 750 kWh monthly, and for a typical Hydro One General Service Energy less than 50 kW (GSe < 50 kW) customer consuming 2,000 kWh monthly. More information regarding the monthly bill impacts may be found in Exhibit A-4-1.</li>
  - 8. In preparing this Application, B2M LP has been guided by the OEB's *Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Rate Applications*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2019-0178, Decision and Order, B2M Limited Partnership, Application for approval of electricity transmission revenue requirements for the period commencing January 1, 2020, and for each following year through to December 31, 2024, January 16, 2020, pp.20-21

9. The written evidence filed with the OEB may be amended from time to time prior 1 to the OEB's final decision on the Application. 2 3 NOTICE AND FORM OF HEARING REQUESTED 4 5 10. The Application materials may be viewed on the internet at the following address: 6 https://b2mlp.ca/regulatory/ 7 8 11. The persons affected by this Application are all persons affected by Ontario's 9 Uniform Transmission Rates. It is impractical to set out their names and 10 addresses because they are too numerous. 11 12 12. B2M LP requests, in accordance with sections 6(4) and 21(4)(b) of the Ontario 13 Energy Board Act, 1998, that this Application be disposed of without a hearing, 14 and hereby provides its consent to same. B2M LP submits that in accordance 15 with the requirements of section 21(4)(b), no person will be adversely affected in 16 a material way by the outcome of this proceeding. 17 18 **PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE** 19 20 13. B2M LP requests that the OEB's rate order be effective January 1, 2023. In order 21 to address the possibility that the requested rate order cannot be made effective 22 by that time, B2M LP requests an interim order making its current transmission 23 revenue requirement and charges effective on an interim basis as of January 1, 24 2023, and approval of a Foregone Revenue Deferral Account to recover any 25 differences between the interim rates and the final rates effective January 1, 26 27 2023, based on the OEB's Decision and Order herein.

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1	CONTACT INFORMATION	
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3	14. B2M LP requests that a copy	of all documents filed with the Board by each party
4	to this Application be served	on the Applicant and the Applicant's counsel, as
5	follows:	
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13	DATED at Toronto, Ontario, this 2 <sup>nd</sup> day	of November, 2022.
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15	By its counsel,	
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19	Raman Dhillon	

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	CERTIFICATION OF EVIDENCE
TO:	ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD
Presid	ndersigned, Frank D'Andrea, being Hydro One Network Inc.'s (HONI) Vice- ent Reliability Standards and Chief Regulatory Officer, hereby certifies for and on of B2M LP that:
1.	Hydro One Indigenous Partnerships Inc. (HOIP), on behalf of B2M LP, has engaged HONI to prepare and submit this Application;
2.	I am a senior officer of HONI;
3.	This certificate is given pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Ontario Energy Board's <i>Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications;</i>
4.	The evidence submitted herein is accurate, consistent and complete to the best of my knowledge; and
5.	The evidence submitted does not contain any personal information (as that phrase is defined in the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> ) that is not otherwise redacted in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's <i>Rules of Practice and Procedure</i> .
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1	SUMMARY OF OEB DIRECTIVES AND UNDERTAKINGS FROM
2	PREVIOUS PROCEEDINGS

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<sup>4</sup> There are no OEB directives or undertakings from B2M LP's previous proceedings in

<sup>5</sup> respect of this Application.

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# **APPLICATION SUMMARY**

### 3 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Exhibit describes B2M LP's 2023 transmission revenue requirement application (the
 "Application").

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7 B2M LP has formulaically determined the 2023 transmission base revenue requirement

<sup>8</sup> of \$34,728,950 using the Revenue Cap IR methodology approved in EB-2019-0178.

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The proposed 2023 rates revenue requirement is the same as the proposed 2023 base revenue requirement (see Section 4.1.). B2M LP is requesting that the OEB approve the 2023 rates revenue requirement to be effective on January 1, 2023.

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Approval of the 2023 rates revenue requirement results in an immaterial increase in the total bill for a typical Hydro One medium density residential (R1) customer consuming 750 kWh monthly, and for a typical Hydro One General Service Energy less than 50 kW (GSe < 50 kW) customer consuming 2,000 kWh monthly. More information regarding the monthly bill impacts may be found below in Section 4.2.

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## 20 2.0 REVENUE CAP INDEX ADJUSTMENT

In the OEB's Decision for B2M LP's Revenue Cap IR Application (EB-2019-0178), the OEB accepted the Revenue Cap IR methodology approach for adjusting B2M LP's transmission revenue requirement for the years 2021 to 2024.

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The approved formula for the Revenue Cap IR for the test year t+1 is equal to the revenue in year t inflated by the Revenue Cap Index (RCI) set out below as: Updated: 2022-11-02 EB-2022-0190 Exhibit A Tab 4 Schedule 1 Page 2 of 8

RCI = I - X - SCAF

2 Where:

"I" is the Inflation Factor, based on Hydro One Networks Inc.'s custom weighted
 two-factor input price index;

- <sup>5</sup> "X" is the Productivity Factor, which includes a Stretch Factor; and
- <sup>6</sup> "SCAF" is the Settlement Capital Adjustment Factor, which was approved by the
- 7 OEB to be equal to 0.6%.
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Only the 2023 Inflation Factor (I) will be updated based on the approved custom weighted two-factor input price index for Hydro One Networks Inc. At the time of filing this Application, the OEB had not released the inflation factor for revenue requirement applications beginning January 1, 2023. On October 20, 2022 the OEB issued the inflation factor to be used by electricity transmitters for 2023 rate applications. B2M LP has updated its application to reflect the 3.8% inflation factor for electricity transmitters.<sup>1</sup>

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Consistent with the Decision in EB-2019-0178, the Settlement Capital Adjustment Factor (SCAF) and Productivity Factor (X) for 2021 to 2024 will not be updated annually.<sup>2</sup> In EB-2019-0178, the OEB accepted a Productivity Factor (X) of 0.0% for the 2021 to 2024 period and accepted a Settlement Capital Adjustment Factor (SCAF) of 0.6% for the 2021 to 2024 period.

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Table 1 below summarizes the components of the RCI for 2023:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OEB Letter, 2023 Inflation Parameters, October 20, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EB-2019-0178, Decision and Order, January 16, 2020, p3, and Schedule A (Exhibit J-01-01 Settlement Agreement, p6-7).

# Table 1 - 2023 Custom Revenue Cap Index (RCI) by Component (%)

Custom Revenue Cap Index by Component (%)	
Inflation Factor (I)	3.8
Productivity Factor (X)	0.0
Settlement Capital Adjustment Factor (SCAF)	0.6
RCI = I – X – SCAF	3.2

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3 The 2023 transmission base revenue requirement is calculated as shown in Table 2

- 4 below.
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#### Table 2 - 2023 Base Revenue Requirement

Year	Formula	Base Revenue Requirement
2022	OEB-Approved B2M LP Base Revenue Requirement	\$33,652,083 <sup>3</sup>
2023	2022 Base Revenue Requirement x 2023 RCI*	\$34,728,950

7 \* RCI from Table 1 above.

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## 9 **3.0 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS**

<sup>10</sup> B2M LP is not requesting approval to disburse any additional deferral and variance

account balances in this Application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> EB-2022-0084, Decision and Rate Order for 2022 Uniform Transmission Rates Update, April 7, 2022.

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#### 1 4.0 RATES

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# 4.1 RATES REVENUE REQUIREMENT AND CHARGE DETERMINANTS BY 4 RATE POOL

As indicated in Section 3.0, B2M LP is not requesting approval to disburse any deferral and variance account balances. Therefore, the proposed 2023 rates revenue requirement for B2M LP is the same as the proposed 2023 base revenue requirement as shown in Table 3 below.

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B2M LP does not have charge determinants for setting Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) as it does not have any customer delivery points supplied directly from its assets. Therefore, the B2M LP revenue requirement is allocated to the provincial Network rate pool only, as all of its assets serve the transmission network with no transformation or individual customer services.

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 Table 3 - 2023 Rates Revenue Requirement by Rate Pool

	Network	Line Connection	Transformation Connection	UTR Revenue Requirement
2023 Base Revenue Requirement <sup>1</sup>	\$34,728,950	-	-	\$34,728,950
2023 Deferral & Variance Accounts Disposition <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-
2023 Rates Revenue Requirement	\$34,728,950	-	-	\$34,728,950

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup> As per Table 2

<sup>2</sup> As per Section 3

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## 20 4.2 BILL IMPACTS

21 An update to the estimated average transmission cost as a percentage of the total bill for

<sup>22</sup> a transmission and a distribution-connected customer is presented in Table 4.

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# Table 4 - Estimated Transmission Cost as a Percentage of Total Electricity Market Costs

	Cost Component	¢/kWh	Source*
А	Commodity	10.11	IESO Monthly Market Report December 2021 (YTD Weighted Average Rate)
В	Wholesale Market Service Charges	0.44	IESO Monthly Market Report December 2021
С	Wholesale Transmission Charges	1.28	IESO Monthly Market Report December 2021
D	Distribution Service Charges	3.04	2020 Yearbook of Electricity Distributors
Е	Total Monthly Cost for Tx-connected customers	11.83	E=A+B+C
F	Total Monthly Cost for Dx-connected customers	14.87	F=A+B+C+D
G	Transmission as % of Total Cost for Tx- connected customers	10.8%	G=C/E
Н	Transmission as % of Total Cost for Dx- connected customers	8.6%	H=C/F

\* 2021 Yearbook of Electricity Distributors was not available at the time of the initial filing of this application <sup>3</sup>

B2M LP's proposed 2023 rates revenue requirement represents a 3.2% increase from
the approved 2022 rates revenue requirement. B2M LP's proposed 2023 rates revenue
requirement results in a net impact of 0.05% on average transmission rates. A summary
of the average bill impact as a result of the proposed 2023 rates revenue requirement

<sup>8</sup> relative to the approved 2022 rates revenue requirement is presented in Table 5.

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# Table 5 - Average Bill Impacts on Transmission and Distribution - ConnectedCustomers

	2022*	2023**
Rates Revenue Requirement	\$ 33,652,083	\$ 34,728,950
% Change in Rates Revenue		3.2%
Requirement over prior year		J.Z /0
% Impact of load forecast change		0.0%
Net Impact on Average Transmission Rates <sup>***</sup>		0.05%
Transmission as a % of Tx-		10.8%
connected customer's Total Bill		10.070
Estimated Average Transmission Customer Bill impact		0.006%
Transmission as a % of Dx-		8.6%
connected customer's Total Bill		0.070
Estimated Average Distribution		0.004%
Customer Bill impact		0.00470

\* 2022 Rates Revenue Requirement per Decision EB-2021-0187 dated December 16, 2021

\*\* 2023 Rates Revenue Requirement per Table 3

\*\*\* The calculation of net impact on transmission rates accounts for B2M LP's 2023 rates revenue requirement as 1.6% of the total rates revenue requirement across all transmitters (1.6% x 3.2% = 0.05%) based on EB-2022-0084 2022 UTR Order, Schedule A dated on April 7, 2022.

As discussed in Section 4.1, B2M LP's rates revenue requirement is wholly allocated to the Network rate pool. Therefore, the total bill impact for a typical Hydro One medium density residential (R1) customer consuming 750 kWh monthly, and for a typical Hydro One General Service Energy less than 50 kW (GSe < 50 kW) customer consuming 2,000 kWh monthly is determined based on the forecast change in the customer's Network Retail Transmission Service Rates (RTSR-N), which reflects the changes in UTRs<sup>4</sup>, as detailed in Table 6 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Hydro One's current 2022 RTSRs are based on the 2021 UTRs per EB-2021-0176, Decision and Rate Order effective July 1, 2021.

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Approval of the 2023 rates revenue requirement results in an immaterial increase to the total bill for a typical Hydro One medium density residential (R1) customer (0.005% or \$0.01 per month), and for a typical Hydro One General Service Energy less than 50 kW (GSe < 50 kW) (0.003% or \$0.01 per month).

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#### Table 6 - 2023 Total Bill Impacts for Distribution-Connected Customers

	Typical Medium Density (HONI R1) Residential Customer Consuming 750 kWh per Month	Typical General Service Energy less than 50 kW (HONI GSe < 50kW) Customer Consuming 2,000 kWh per Month
Total Bill as of Jul 1, 2022 <sup>1</sup>	\$134.22	\$424.56
RTSR included in 2022 R1 Customer's Bill (Based on July 1, 2021 UTR)	\$14.445	\$30.688
Estimated 2022 Monthly RTSR <sup>2</sup>	\$14.437	\$30.670
Estimated 2023 Monthly RTSR <sup>3</sup>	\$14.444	\$30.684
2023 increase in Monthly Bill	\$0.007	\$0.015
2023 increase as a % of total bill	0.005%	0.003%

<sup>1</sup>Total bill including HST, based on time-of-use commodity prices effective November 1, 2021 and distribution rates effective January 1, 2022 approved per Distribution Rate Order EB-2021-0032, dated December 14, 2021, with 17% Ontario Energy Rebate (effective November 1, 2021), \$0.43 Smart Meter Entity Charge (effective May 1, 2022) and Distribution Rate Protection cap of \$38.08 (effective July 1, 2022).

<sup>2</sup>The estimated 2022 RTSR is based on the 2022 Uniform Transmission Rate Schedules EB-2022-0084, issued on April 7, 2022.

<sup>3</sup>The impact on RTSR-N is assumed to be the net impact on average transmission rates, adjusted for B2M LP's 2022 Network rate pool revenue disbursement allocator (2.577%) per 2022 Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) Schedule A EB-2022-0084, effective April 1, 2022.

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