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Ms. Nancy Marconi  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street  
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Dear Ms. Marconi,

**EB-2022-0234 - Hydro One Networks Inc. Service Area Amendment Application to Connect One Industrial Customer located at 626 Principale St. in Casselman – Supplemental Evidence**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) is submitting supplemental evidence to its Service Area Amendment Application to Connect One Industrial Customer located at 626 Principale St. in Casselman.

Should you have any questions on this application, please contact Pasquale Catalano at Pasquale.Catalano@HydroOne.com or alternatively, via telephone, at 647-616-8310.

An electronic copy of the supplemental evidence has been submitted using the Board’s Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Sincerely,



Joanne Richardson

cc: Claudio Bertone  
Laurie Elliott (Hydro Ottawa Ltd.)

1                                   **HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**  
2                                   **SUPPLEMENTAL EVIDENCE**

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4 Hydro One is providing this correspondence as it has become clear during the  
5 development of responses to interrogatory questions posed by OEB Staff and Hydro  
6 Ottawa that there may be additional information that the OEB and/or Hydro Ottawa may  
7 find pertinent to this proceeding, specifically regarding works that have been requested  
8 along the same pole line that will require upgrading for Hydro Ottawa to execute its  
9 proposed connection to the Subject Area of this proceeding.

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11 Via a new permit application received in late March of this year, Hydro One was made  
12 aware by the only existing joint use tenant (“Existing Joint Use Tenant”) on the pole line,  
13 that it required additional telecommunication wires across the existing Hydro One poles  
14 that cross Highway 417 (the “Joint Use Project”). These are the same poles that Hydro  
15 Ottawa is relying on in this proceeding to become a new joint use tenant. In order to action  
16 the Existing Joint Use Tenant’s request, Hydro One contacted the Ministry of  
17 Transportation (MTO).

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19 In August of 2022, the MTO informed Hydro One that to accommodate the additional  
20 request from the Existing Joint Use Tenant, the existing poles would need to be increased  
21 in size to maintain necessary height clearances at the Principale Street and Highway 417  
22 interchange. Hydro One has been working with the Existing Joint Use Tenant and MTO  
23 to establish a design and apportion cost responsibilities for the new poles. On September  
24 27, 2022, an agreement in principle was reached by all parties on the design and cost  
25 responsibilities. Discussions amongst the impacted parties and coordination activities are  
26 ongoing, including, the sourcing of materials to meet the Existing Joint Use Tenant’s  
27 request and install their requested equipment. As Hydro Ottawa is not a joint use tenant  
28 on this pole line, the Existing Joint Use Tenant-initiated and MTO-driven work should not  
29 have any impact on the operations of Hydro Ottawa, however, as a courtesy, Hydro  
30 Ottawa will be notified of the implementation schedule of the Joint Use Project when  
31 established. The estimated costs to complete the necessary highway crossing for the  
32 Existing Joint Use Tenant (which includes the replacement of six poles and 1 new

1 additional pole) is forecast to be \$137,000 with an estimate range of +10%/-10%. This  
2 work is non-discretionary and is required with or without servicing the customer at 626  
3 Principale Street.

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5 The new poles that will be installed on the existing pole centre-line as part of the Joint Use  
6 Project will likely not be able to accommodate two 8.32kV circuits (one-three phase 8.32kV  
7 Hydro One circuit is already on these Hydro One poles) due to MTO requirements. In  
8 discussions with the MTO about this project, Hydro One was made aware that the permit  
9 being sought from the MTO will not support a second circuit on the existing pole centre-  
10 line. If a second circuit is sought, MTO has shared that the distributor will need to secure  
11 an additional permit and will be required to relocate the centre-line of the pole line to the  
12 west to maintain an 80m separation from the location of the overpass.

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14 Should a determination be made by the OEB that a second 8.32kV circuit needs to be  
15 accommodated on this pole line for Hydro Ottawa to serve 626 Principale Street, a new  
16 pole line will need to be redesigned, replaced, and potentially relocated, contingent on the  
17 requirements of the MTO.

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19 As a result, if Hydro Ottawa was to serve the customer at 626 Principale Street, the work  
20 described above, will not reduce the cost of the Hydro Ottawa proposal from an  
21 incremental capital cost perspective. In fact, addressing the request may increase the  
22 cost of the high-level estimate provided to Hydro Ottawa because of the redesign,  
23 replacement and potential relocation of the poles that will be necessitated by the addition  
24 of a second 8.32kV circuit on this pole line.

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26 In addition, Hydro One would like to update the record of this proceeding to clarify that the  
27 Customer has not yet been connected on a permanent basis. The new expected  
28 connection date is early December. This delay is driven by the Customer resulting from  
29 ongoing global supply chain issues.

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31 Hydro One is providing this information in advance of the interrogatory submission  
32 deadline such that the responses of either distributor and/or the OEB's assessment of the  
33 application are not prejudiced in any way. Hydro One is amenable to an amendment to

- 1 the current procedural order to address any discovery specific to this matter that may be
- 2 relevant to the scope of this proceeding.

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