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## **BY EMAIL AND RESS**

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

Dear Ms. Marconi,

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

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is in receipt of Hydro Ottawa Limited's (Hydro Ottawa) November 10, 2022 letter requesting an opportunity to ask additional interrogatories on Hydro One's November 7, 2022 Supplemental Evidence. Hydro One similarly requests an opportunity to ask additional interrogatories on new evidence, addressed in the paragraphs to follow, submitted by Hydro Ottawa which was received through interrogatory responses. If the OEB grants Hydro Ottawa's request with respect to the Supplementary Evidence, Hydro One should be afforded the same opportunity to ask additional interrogatories related to the new evidence filed by Hydro Ottawa. Hydro One understands and accepts that any additional interrogatories would be of limited scope, specifically, with respect to new evidence provided by the parties as will likely be identified in any future OEB Procedural Order in this proceeding.

Hydro One has reviewed the interrogatory responses provided by Hydro Ottawa on November 11, 2022 in this proceeding. Upon review, Hydro One has identified that Hydro Ottawa has submitted new information that has not been received previously in this proceeding. Notably in response to OEB Staff Interrogatory 1, Hydro Ottawa provides the following:

Hydro Ottawa currently rents 34 poles from Hydro One in Casselman. Hydro Ottawa's Joint Use Agreement with Hydro One is based upon a "mutual desire by both Parties to work together for their respective benefit, and to ensure that joint use is planned and implemented where feasible because it is the right approach and provides the optimal outcome for each party's Customers that it serves, its employees and stakeholders." Therefore, Hydro Ottawa's proposal aligns with the outcomes set out in the Joint Use Agreement. However, Hydro Ottawa would also be able to construct a separate pole line along the east side of Principale Street. While this would not be the preferable option, it could be done for a comparable price to the estimate provided by Hydro One, should Hydro One not be able to accommodate Hydro Ottawa's system expansion on their pole line.



Similar submissions are made in response to OEB Staff Interrogatory 3<sup>1</sup>. Hydro One highlights that there is no evidence to support the position that Hydro Ottawa can construct a separate pole line along the east side of Principale Street for a comparable price to the estimate provided by Hydro One nor has this evidence been tested in this proceeding.

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

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

Sincerely,

Joanne Richardson

cc: Claudio Bertone

Laurie Elliott (Hydro Ottawa Ltd.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "A performance amount of \$791,000 would be required from the Developer. This cost is mainly driven by Hydro One's estimate for the pole expansion which is estimated to be plus or minus 50%. As a result the performance amount could be less. Hydro Ottawa does not expect it to be more as it would otherwise be more economical for Hydro Ottawa to build a new pole line in its service territory."