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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-2023-0067 - Status Report on Operations of Cat Lake

Please find enclosed Status Report on Operations of Cat Lake.

Should you have any questions on this update, please contact Liana Urquhart at (705) 740-4363 or via email at regulatory@HydroOne.com.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Smith



# **Status Report on Operations of Cat Lake**

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") is providing this update to the Board in advance of the expiry on January 20, 2023, of the current Interim Distribution Licence for Cat Lake.

In a Decision and Order dated July 21, 2006 (EB-2006-0180), the Board issued an order (ED-2006-0181) deeming as distribution assets all the transmission assets owned by the Cat Lake Public Utility and issued then a three-month interim distribution licence to Hydro One. The Board ordered Hydro One to take possession and control of the deemed distribution assets owned by Cat Lake Power and the distribution assets in the Cat Lake community owned by the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation ("OEFC"). Hydro One assumed possession and control of the assets covered by this order at 12:01 a.m. on August 14, 2006. The Board has subsequently amended the interim electricity distribution licences ED-2006-0181, and most recently extended it for a six-month term on June 8, 2022 (EB-2022-0005). At this time, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. ("Remotes") is taking certain steps with the intent of filing a MAAD application to include Cat Lake in Remotes' service territory, as noted by the Board in its Decision and Order in Remotes' 2013 rate application (EB-2012-0137). Such a MAAD application would be predicated on reaching an agreement with the community and after all required government approvals have been secured. Discussions with the community are ongoing in this regard and Hydro One remains optimistic that a beneficial agreement can be reached.

This progress report updates the report that Hydro One filed on June 8, 2022. It covers the Cat Lake utility activities to date and provides financial results until December 31, 2022.

### **Tracking of Cost**

As directed, Hydro One is recording the revenues from the customers in the Cat Lake community and the costs of operation and maintenance of the system. The energy costs, OM&A costs and capital costs are recorded separately. As of December 31, 2022 the total costs recorded since taking possession and control are as follows:

#### Cumulative Costs incurred by Hydro One for Cat Lake

Total	\$18,474,467
Interest Cost:	\$973,679
Cost of Energy:	\$7,406,817
OM&A	\$6,576,292
Capital:	\$3,517,679



### Tracking of Revenue

As of December 31, 2022 Hydro One has cumulatively collected the following amounts from Cat Lake customers (rounded to the nearest dollar):

September to December 2006	\$29,787
January to December 2007	\$477,319
January to December 2008	\$477,751
January to December 2009	\$437,198
January to December 2010	\$446,712
January to December 2011	\$488,469
January to December 2012	\$566,363
January to December 2013	\$298,490
January to December 2014	\$234,072
January to December 2015	\$488,254
January to December 2016	\$312,226
January to December 2017	\$576,204
January to December 2018	\$265,595
January to December 2019	\$384,240
January to December 2020	\$435,450
January to December 2021	\$570,334
January to December 2022	\$427,940
Total	\$6,916,404

Bills have been issued to customers on a monthly basis, with the most recent bills in the reporting period issued in December 2022. The total outstanding invoiced amount at that time was approximately \$3,772,193. This amount includes HST, arrears, and late payment charges where applicable. The issued bills include the following amounts:

Total	\$3,772,193
Overdue (90+ days)	\$3,403,181
Overdue (70-89 days)	\$64,311
Overdue (40-69 days)	\$71,686
Current (0-39 days)	\$233,014

## Regulatory Assets account balance

As of December 31, 2022 the balance in the deferral account related to Cat Lake is \$11,558,063

### **Operations**

Operations were normal with no significant events.



### Planned Work and Further Reporting

Hydro One continues to operate the Cat Lake system and to manage issues associated with its operations. For 2023, all the contracted out brush control work, as well as clearing of 36 helipads will be completed at an estimated cost of \$4M. We will also continue to inform the Board and its staff of any significant issues, to solicit advice and guidance as needed, and to provide information in support of the Board's review of the Cat Lake situation.