EB-2019-0082

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for electricity transmission rates for the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022

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Reference:

Exhibit I, Tab 4, Schedule 17 Exhibit I, Tab 4, Schedule 18 Exhibit F, Tab 8, Schedule 1, Attachment 1

Preamble:

The response in I-4-17 states that there are no costs directly associated with this application included in the Test Year 2020 forecast.

The response in I-4-18 part (a) states that one time costs shown on lines 2,6,10 & 11 in Attachment 1 of F-8-1 primarily relate to forecast costs for other regulatory applications expected to take place in 2020, and not this application.

The response to part (b) of I-4-18 indicates that the \$2,000 in external legal costs shown in line 5 of Table 2 and the \$550 in expert witness/consultant costs in line 4 are forecasted within the Law Division budget and not in the Regulatory Affairs division budget.

For ease of reference, the first table shown in Attachment 1 of F-8-1 will be called Table 1 and the second table in the attachment will be called Table 2 in the questions that follow. All references to figures in Table 2 are related to the 2019 bridge year column.

Questions:

- 1. Please confirm each of the following, or explain fully if they cannot be confirmed:
- a) The \$150 shown in Table 2 at line 2 is included in the \$150 shown in line 2 of Table 1 in 2019.
- b) The \$125 shown in line 10 of Table 2 is included in the \$510 shown in line 10 in Table 1 in 2019.
- c) The \$900 shown in line 11 of Table 2 is included in the \$1,306 shown in line 11 in Table 1 in 2019.
- 2. What are the other regulatory applications noted in the response to part (a) of I-4-18 that are expected to take place in 2020 and indicate how these other regulatory applications differ from regulatory applications that took place in 2018 and 2019, other than the current rates application.
- 3. Is the \$550 shown in line 4 (expert witness/consultant costs) of Table 2 included in the \$694 shown in line 6 (consultant costs) in 2019 and/or in the \$1,548 shown in 2018 in Table 1, or are

these separate consultant costs? If they are separate costs, please confirm that none of the costs shown in line 6 in Table 1 are related to the EB-2019-0082 application. If this cannot be confirmed, please quantify the amounts in 2019 in line 6 in Table 1 that is related to the current application and that this amount is over and above the \$550 shown in line 4 in Table 2.

4. Are the external legal costs shown in line 5 in Table 2 and the \$550 in expert witness/consultant costs shown in line 4 in Table 2 been removed from the Legal Division budget forecast for 2020? If not, please explain fully why these rate case related costs would not be reduced in 2020.