



**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Ms. Richardson:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)  
Leave to Construct Application – Hawthorne to Merivale Reconductoring  
Project, Change Notification  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2020-0265**

This letter acknowledges receipt, on January 18, 2023, of Hydro One's notification to the OEB with respect to changes in the estimated cost for its Hawthorne to Merivale Reconductoring Project (Project).

The OEB notes that the updated Project cost estimate is substantially higher than the cost estimate presented in the leave to construct proceeding. Costs associated with the Project that are sought for recovery from ratepayers shall be subject to review in Hydro One's subsequent cost-based transmission revenue requirement proceeding (currently expected for the effective period starting in 2028). The OEB expects Hydro One to include, in that proceeding, evidence substantiating the nature of the increases at a sufficiently granular level, so that the prudence of these incremental costs can be reviewed. The OEB reminds Hydro One that, if there are any additional changes to the Project, Hydro One shall advise the OEB in accordance with the conditions of approval as outlined in the Decision and Order of the above noted proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar

c: All Parties in EB-2020-0265

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<sup>1</sup> Decision and Order / April 22, 2021 / Schedule B.