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Joanne Richardson  
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Dear Ms. Richardson:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Application for Approval of Exemptions  
related to the funding of a transmission line connecting the OPG Small  
Modular Reactor near Darlington Switching Station  
OEB File Number EB-2023-0108**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) received an application from Hydro One Networks Inc., on March 15, 2023, for approval of exemptions from specific obligations in section 5.1 of its Electricity Transmission Licence (ET-2003-0035), as they pertain to sections 6.3.3 and 6.3.4 of the Transmission System Code. The effect of the requested relief would be to establish that 22 kilometers of transmission line (and related equipment and Hydro One station modifications) in the Darlington area that will be constructed to connect the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) contemplated Small Modular Reactor (SMR) at Darlington Switching Station would be fully funded through the Uniform Transmission Rates; specifically, the Network pool (rather than OPG funding the transmission connection line).

The OEB has assigned file number EB-2023-0108 to the application. The application will be decided by an employee of the OEB who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (Delegated Authority). The Delegated Authority intends to make a decision on the application without holding a hearing.

If required, OEB staff will contact you directly to seek clarification regarding the application and/or request additional information or material to complete the application. For these purposes, OEB staff may contact you by email, regular mail, or by telephone. Once your application is complete, the Delegated Authority expects to issue a final decision on your application within 60-90 days.

In the event the Delegated Authority decides to deny or otherwise modify the relief you requested in your application, you will be given an opportunity to provide comments. The Delegated Authority will consider your final comments, if any, prior to issuing a decision and order.

Any questions related to this letter or your application should be directed to Chris Cincar, Senior Policy Advisor at [Chris.Cincar@oeb.ca](mailto:Chris.Cincar@oeb.ca). Please refer to the OEB file number noted above in all future correspondence to the OEB regarding your application.

Yours truly,

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