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Dear Mr. Gunaratnarajah,

EB-2023-0117 – Hydro One Networks' Request for Amendments to Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0043) – Appendix B Tab 2

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) provides the following information for Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) Staff’s consideration in their assessment of potential compliance issues with respect to amending Distribution Licence ED-2003-0043 Appendix B Tab 2. OEB Staff have sought further information from Hydro One on two specific matters. Specifically, OEB Staff have asked Hydro One:

a) When did Hydro One commence serving the three listed reserves/bands?

Hydro One has been serving the three First Nation communities for over twenty-seven years. Based on Hydro One’s metering and billing records, Hydro One has been able to document the oldest Hydro One connection in each community. At a result, Hydro One has been providing electricity service to these communities since the following dates:

| Community Name | Band Name | Reserve Name | Oldest Identified Connection Date |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (“BNA”) | Sand Point First Nation | Sand Point | 1996.06.10 |
| Chapleau Cree First Nation | Chapleau Cree First Nation | Chapleau Cree Fox Lake | 1991.11.13 |
| Temagami First Nation | Temagami First Nation | Bear Island 1 | 1975.11.28 |

b) The reason for not listing these three reserves/bands previously?

As documented above, the connections predate the issuance of Hydro One's distribution licence. Hydro One has been unable to define precisely why Appendix B – Tab 2 of Hydro One's distribution licence was not modified to reflect all these communities.

Hydro One has been able to confirm that BNA received reserve status from the Government of Canada forming Sand Point First Nation in 2010. It is unclear if Hydro One was notified by the government or the First Nation of the reserve status change thus the administrative oversight has not been rectified. Hydro One notes that irrespective of whether the First Nation Reserve was separately identified in Appendix B – Tab 2, Hydro One holds that the lands were always serviced by Hydro One as exemplified by the connection dates identified in the response to Question (a) above.

Hydro One has undertaken an investigation with neighbouring municipal boundaries for Chapleau Cree First Nation and Temagami First Nation to validate whether the geographic boundaries of the municipalities, as of the dates identified in the existing Hydro One distribution licence, already encapsulated the First Nation lands specific to Chapleau Cree First Nation and Temagami First Nation. Unfortunately, the investigation remains outstanding at the time of this submission; however, Hydro One will update the Board upon conclusion of the investigation.

Sincerely,



Joanne Richardson