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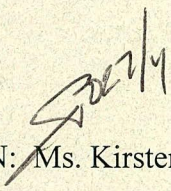
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ATTENTION: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Letter of Comment RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. Application for Leave to Construct  
Woodstock Area Transmission Reinforcement Project  
File No. EB-2007-0027

Dear Madam:

The concerns of the Township of South-West Oxford relate to the part of the new transmission line that extends for approximately 8 kilometers along Karn Road in the Township of South-West Oxford.

The right-of-way for the current transmission line that Hydro One Networks Inc. proposes to replace overlaps onto the road allowance for Karn Road. The existing transmission line towers along this stretch of road are located within the road allowance and in the opinion of the Township are dangerously close to the travelled portion of the road.

It is the position of the Township of South-West Oxford that since the transmission line is being reconstructed this is the time to correct this problem and re-locate the line and its towers off of the road allowance.

Accidents with vehicles striking the existing hydro towers on Karn Road are not unknown and there was a recent case where a hydro tower was struck by a vehicle and toppled.


It is understood that the new hydro towers proposed by Hydro One Networks Inc. will have a smaller footprint than the existing towers, but the view of the Township is that, in interest of safety of the motoring public, and the avoidance of damage to the hydro lines and towers themselves the transmission line and its towers should be located off the road allowance. It is important to remember that farm equipment must travel along Karn Road to access farmers' holdings and modern farm equipment is large and wide and takes up a lot of space on the road.

A further concern of the Township is that the road allowance for Karn Road is only 66 feet in width. The existing road has very narrow shoulders and several hills with steep down-grades between. It is the position of the Township that this road needs to be upgraded in the not too distant future, cutting down some of the hills, filling in some lower sections and widening the shoulders. Having transmission line towers situated within the road allowance is a severe constriction on the ability to make such road improvements.

Having the hydro towers located on the road allowance may force the Township to acquire more land to widen the road allowance so that there will be adequate room for the needed road improvements.

It should be remembered that the original and still primary purpose for road allowances is for roads.

Yours Truly



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