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Dear Mr. Nettleton:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)
Application for Leave to Construct - Waasigan Project
OEB File Number: EB-2023-0198**

On August 24, 2023, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its Notice of Hearing for Hydro One's application for Leave to Construct – Waasigan Project (Notice) and Letter of Direction which directed Hydro One to serve notice of the application prior to September 1, 2023. On August 25, 2023, Hydro One requested an extension of time to September 15, 2023, to complete service of the notices. On August 30, 2023, the OEB issued an updated Notice and Letter of Direction to Hydro One which granted the extension request. The Letter of Direction directed Hydro One to serve the Notice prior to September 15, 2023. The Notice set September 25, 2023 as the deadline for interested parties to submit a request to participate as an intervenor.

In its letter dated October 3, 2023, counsel for Hydro One stated that, due to an administrative error, Hydro One has not been able to complete service of the notices for a subset of land interest holders that may be impacted by the application. Hydro One requested a further extension of time to complete service of the notices. The letter stated that Hydro One can complete service of the notices by October 13, 2023, provided that the OEB can issue a revised Notice by Friday October 6, 2023. Hydro One proposed October 24, 2023 as the new intervention deadline.

The OEB approves the request to serve the Notice by October 13, 2023 and a revised intervention deadline of October 24, 2023. As a result of the extension request the OEB's planned timeline for adjudicating this application is extended by 44 calendar days.

The OEB's performance standards for processing applications set out the typical steps and number of days that it takes to hear each type of application. The OEB has a [Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines](#)¹ (Protocol) that establishes a mechanism for the treatment of material delays in adjudicative proceedings that are not within the OEB's control.

The OEB's Protocol indicates that the performance standard for the planned decision issuance date will be affected if there is an extension that is longer than two weeks. Therefore, in keeping with the OEB's Protocol, the decision metric date for Hydro One's application is extended by 44 calendar days to May 17, 2024.

The revised English and Ojibway versions of the Notice are enclosed.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

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¹ Protocol For Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines, November 1, 2021