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Dear Ms. Walli:

**EB-2017-0049 - Hydro One Networks' 2018-2022 Distribution Rates Application -
Interrogatory Responses – Confidentiality request re materials responding to Board
Staff IR 23(a)**

Please find enclosed with this letter a USB key which includes the materials (the "Working Papers") requested in Board Staff IR no. 23 (a) in the above-noted proceeding. Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") and its consultant Power System Engineering, Inc. ("PSE") request confidential treatment of the Working Papers pursuant to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board")'s *Rules of Practice and Procedure* Rule 10.01 and the Board's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (the "Practice Direction"). PSE also requests that parties sign its confidentiality agreement, as further described below.

Confidential treatment of the Working Papers is requested as public disclosure of the Working Papers would be detrimental due to the commercially sensitive data, including commercially sensitive third party data, which the Working Papers contain.

As required by the Practice Direction, the following is a description of the materials on the USB key: the materials are PSE's working papers associated with PSE's studies titled "Total Factor Productivity Study of the Electric Distribution Functions of Hydro One and the Ontario Industry" and the updated "Econometric Benchmarking Study: Total Distribution Costs of Hydro One Network", and include all data in Excel form; calculations in Excel form / program code; variable names / company ID numbers and any other information needed for an experienced consultant to be able to replicate PSE's work.

In addition to the declaration and undertaking and certificate of destruction required as part of the Board's process for confidential filings pursuant to the Practice Direction, PSE also requests that counsel or consultants who request to view the Working Papers also sign PSE's

confidentiality agreement. Hydro One notes that it has coordinated the signing of PSE's confidentiality agreement with Board Staff's consultant, Pacific Economics Group.

Please contact Hydro One's counsel in this proceeding with any questions in relation to the forgoing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank D'Andrea", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank D'Andrea
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