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BY EMAIL AND RESS

January 17, 2024

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi,

Hydro One Networks' Request for Leave to Sell Distribution Assets to Bell Canada – Clear Lake Rd

Hydro One Networks seeks the Board's approval under Section 86(1)(b) of *the Ontario Energy Board Act* ("the Act"), for leave to sell 9 poles to Bell Canada located on Clear Lake Road in Sequin, Ontario. Given that the proposed sale has no material effect on any other party, we ask that the Board dispose of this proceeding without a hearing under Section 21(4)(b) of *the Act*.

An electronic copy has been submitted using the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Should you have any questions on this application, please contact Mark Ciufu via email at mark.ciufu@hydroone.com

Sincerely,



Joanne Richardson

CC – Abdul Hussaini, Hydro One Networks Inc.



Application Form for Applications Under Section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*

Application Instructions

1. Purpose of This Form

This form is to be used by parties applying under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"). Please note that the Board may require information that is additional or supplementary to the information filed in this form and that the filing of the form does not preclude the applicant from filing additional or supplementary information.

2. Completion Instructions

This form is in a writeable PDF. The applicant must either:

- type answers to all questions, print two copies, and sign both copies; or
- print a copy of the form, clearly print answers to all questions, make a copy, and sign both copies.

Please send both copies of the completed form and two copies of any attachments to:

Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
27th Floor
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

If you have any questions regarding the completion of this application, please contact the Market Operations Hotline by telephone at 416-440-7604 or 1-888-632-6273 or email at market.operations@oeb.gov.on.ca.

The Board's "Performance Standards for Processing Applications" are indicated on the "Corporate Information and Reports" section of the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. Applicants are encouraged to consider the timelines required to process applications to avoid submitting applications too late. If the submitted application is incomplete, it may be returned by the Board or there may be a delay in processing the application.

PART I: IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES

1.1 Name of Applicant

Legal name of the applicant:	Hydro One Networks Inc.
Name of Primary Contact:	Mark Ciufo
Title/Position:	Regulatory Affairs
Address of Head Office:	483 Bay Street, Toronto, ON, M5G 2P5
Phone:	416-345-5905
Fax:	416-345-5866
Email:	Regulatory@HydroOne.com

1.2 Other Party to the Transaction (If more than one attach a list)

Name of other party:	Bell Canada
Name of Primary Contact:	Mark Reynaert
Title/Position:	Specialist Manager, Network Provisioning
Address of Head Office:	9 High Street, Huntsville, ON P1H 1P2
Phone:	705 -789-5502
Fax:	N/A
Email :	pionorth@bell.ca

- 1.3 If the proposed recipient is not a licensed distributor or transmitter, is it a distributor or transmitter that is exempted from the requirement to hold a distribution or transmission licence?

☐ Yes
☒ No

PART II: DESCRIPTION OF ASSETS TO BE TRANSFERRED

- 2.1 Please provide a description of the assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction.

The assets consist of 9 poles. See details below.

Asset Listing –

Pole	Age	Size	Residual Value
C4RMJR	1993	45'	\$ 1,344.00
C4RMKW	1993	45'	\$ 2,264.00
C4RMLB	1991	40'	\$ 1,794.00
C4RMMG	1993	45'	\$ 1,344.00
C4RMNL	1994	40'	\$ 1,258.00
C4RMPV	1993	45'	\$ 2,264.00
C4RMQA	1993	40'	\$ 1,973.00
C4RMUU	1990	40'	\$ 1,867.00
BNHQDY	1984	45'	\$ 1,020.00
TOTAL			\$ 15,128.00

- 2.2 Please indicate where the assets are located – whether in the applicant's service area or in the proposed recipient's service area (if applicable). Please include a map of the location.

The assets are located on Clear Lake Rd in Sequin, ON within the applicant's service area.

Attachment 1: Map – Asset Location

- 2.3 Are the assets surplus to the applicant's needs?

☐ Yes
☒ No

If yes, please indicate why the assets are surplus and when they became surplus.

- 2.4 Are the assets useful to the proposed recipient or any other party in serving the public?

☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate why.

The assets will continue to supply the load to the existing customers at the same location as they are being served presently. The proposed sale is an ownership change only for the purpose of maintaining the ownership balance between Bell Canada and Hydro One as per the Joint Use Agreement. As per the Joint Use agreement, if Bell Canada wants to do any work in their prime exchange areas, they must hold ownership of the poles. Hydro One will continue to be on these poles as a tenant.

- 2.5 Please identify which utility's customers are currently served by the assets.

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- 2.6 Please identify which utility's customers will be served by the assets after the transaction and into the foreseeable future.

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PART III: DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION

- 3.1 Will the proposed transaction be a sale, lease or other?

- ☒ Sale
☐ Lease
☐ Other

If other, please specify.

- 3.2 Please attach the details of the consideration (e.g. cash, assets, shares) to be given and received by each of the parties to the proposed transaction.

This is a cash sale. The sale price is \$15,128.00 plus \$1,966.64 HST for a total of \$17,094.64. The sale price is based on the value of the assets as per the agreed upon residual value tables in the Joint Use agreement. The residual values have been modified to remove the cost associated with removing the pole, as identified in the letter signed by Bell Canada agreeing to the sale, see Attachment 2.

Attachment 2: Bell Canada Consent Letter

- 3.3 Would the proposed transfer impact any other parties (e.g. joint users of poles) including any agreements with third parties?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If yes, please explain how.

- 3.4 Would the proposed transfer impact distribution or transmission rates of the applicant?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If yes, please explain how.

- 3.5 Will the transaction adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service, operational flexibility or economic efficiency of the applicant or the proposed recipient?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If yes, please explain how.

PART IV: WRITTEN CONSENT/JOINT AGREEMENT

- 4.1 Please provide the proposed recipient's written consent to the transfer of the assets by attaching:
- (a) a letter from the proposed recipient consenting to the transfer of the assets;
 - (b) a letter or proposed sale agreement jointly signed by the applicant and the proposed recipient agreeing to the transfer of the assets; or
 - (c) the proposed recipient's signature on the application.
- (a) The letter is found in Attachment 2.**

PART V: REQUEST FOR NO HEARING

- 5.1 Does the applicant request that the application be determined by the Board without a hearing? If yes, please provide:
- (a) an explanation as to how no person, other than the applicant or licence holder, will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding; and
 - (b) the proposed recipient's written consent to dispose of the application without a hearing.
- (a) The proposed transfer of assets is within Bell Canada's prime exchange and it has no material effect on any party other than the purchaser and the seller.**
- (b) The letter is found in Attachment 2.**

PART VI: OTHER INFORMATION

- 6.1 Please provide the Board with any other information that is relevant to the application. When providing this additional information, please have due regard to the Board's objectives in relation to electricity.

PART VII: CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

7.1 Certification and Acknowledgment

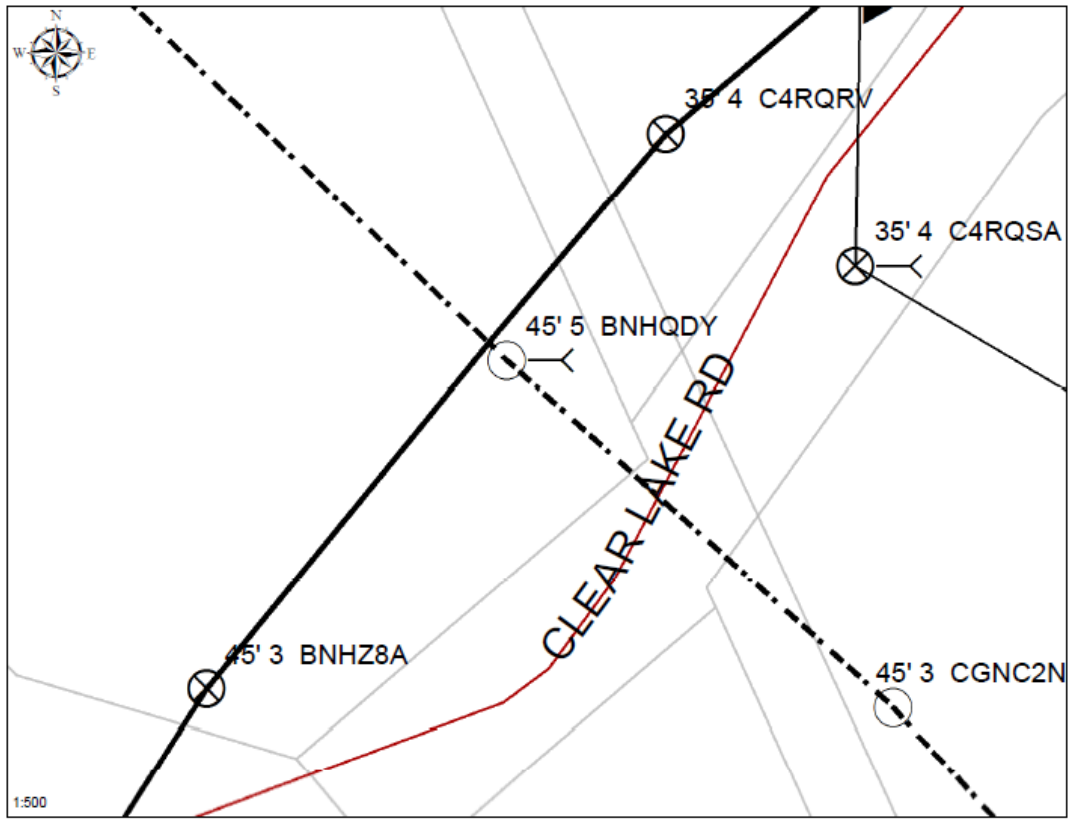
I certify that the information contained in this application and in the documents provided are true and accurate.

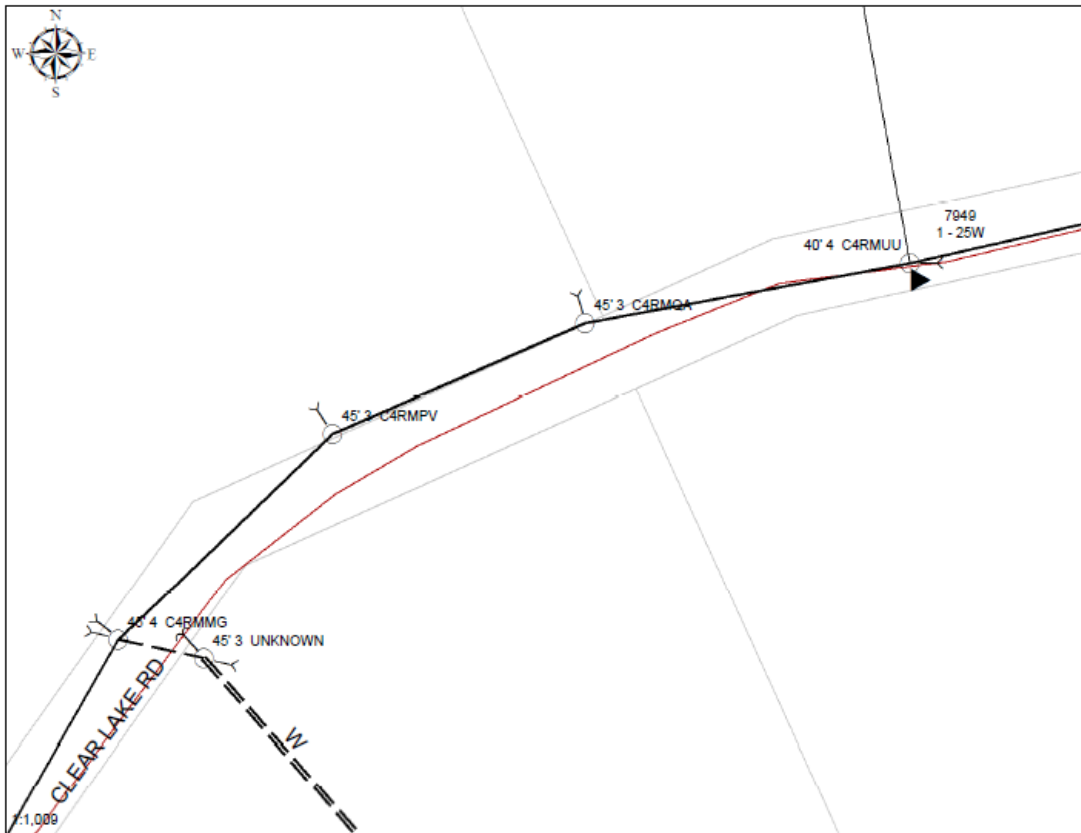
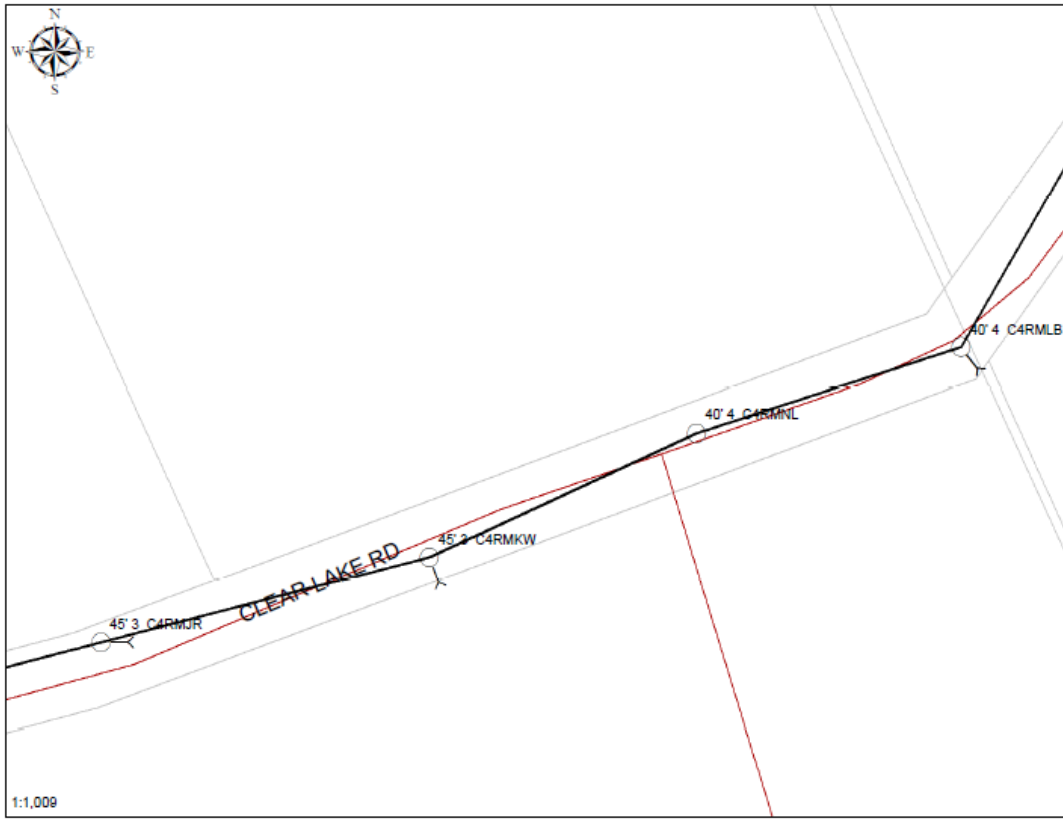
Signature of Key Individual 	Print Name of Key Individual Joanne Richardson	Title/Position Director – Major Projects and Partnerships
	Date January 17, 2024	Company Hydro One Networks Inc.

(Must be signed by a key individual. A key individual is one that is responsible for executing the following functions for the applicant: matters related to regulatory requirements and conduct, financial matters and technical matters. These key individuals may include the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, other officers, directors or proprietors.)

Attachment 1

Asset Location





Attachment 2

Consent letter

Arjun Devdas
Manager, Asset Optimization
Strategy & Integrated Planning

June 9, 2021

Bell Canada
9 High Street
Huntsville, Ontario
P1H 1P2

Attention: Mark Reynaert

RE: Sale of Hydro One Networks Inc. Joint Use Pole Clear Lake Road — Asset Sale

This letter is to confirm Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") agreement to sell nine (9) poles currently owned by Hydro One to Bell Canada ("Bell"), conditional to the Ontario Energy Board's ("OEB") approval. This also confirms that Bell supports Hydro One to proceed with the Section 86(1)(b) application without a hearing. Bell has agreed to take ownership of Hydro One's nine (9) poles.

Bell has agreed to take over ownership of the nine (9) poles. The sale will be conditional on the following reassurance being given to Hydro One:

- 1.0** Acceptance of the existing joint use tenants, where applicable, whose tenancy with Hydro One will be subsequently terminated upon the sales transaction.

The nine (9) poles will be transferred, following the OEB's approval, on an "as is, where is" basis, pursuant to Hydro One's Joint Use agreement. The assets being sold in this transaction below and in attachment 1-3.

- Since these assets are being sold on an "as is, where is" basis, the residual value has been modified to remove the cost of pulling the pole.
- The sale price is \$15,128.00 plus \$1,966.64 HST for a total of **\$17,094.64**.
- The following poles are to be sold to Bell Canada:

Work Location	Size/Age Pole	Residual Value
C4RMJR	1993 45'	\$ 1,344.00
C4RMKW	1993 45'	\$ 2,264.00
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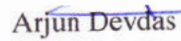
If you are in agreement with these conditions of the sale of these nine (9) poles, please sign and return this letter at your earliest convenience. On receipt of this signed letter of consent, we will proceed to obtain formal approval from the OEB to transfer the nine (9) poles to Bell Canada.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours truly,



Original signed by Arjun Devdas


Arjun Devdas

Manager, Asset Optimization
Strategy & Integrated Planning
Hydro One Networks Inc.

Acknowledgement

I, Mark Reynaert, of Bell Canada, agree with the content, terms and conditions set out in this letter regarding the sale of the nine (9) poles currently owned by Hydro One to Bell Canada and support Hydro One to proceed with the Section 86(1)(b) application without a hearing.

Per: Original signed by Mark Reynaert

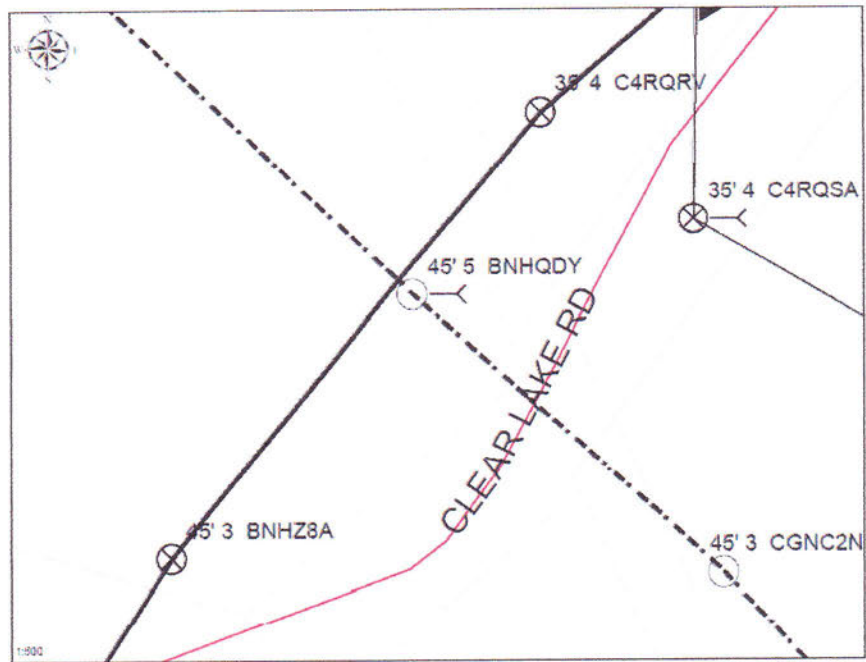
Name: Mark Reynaert

Title:

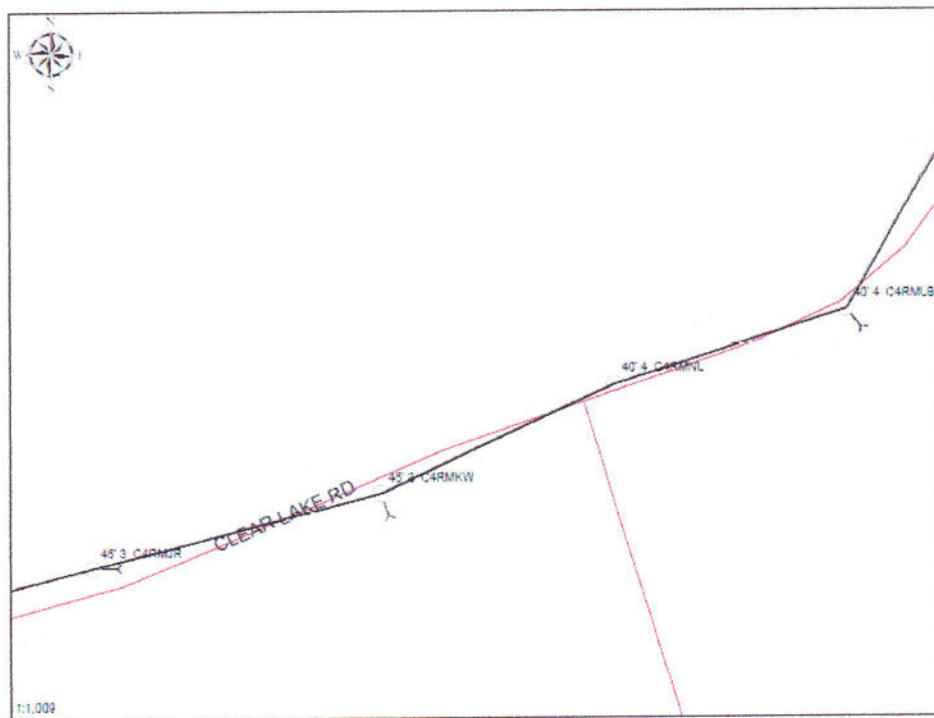
Company: Bell Canada

I have authority to bind the corporation.

Attachment 1



Attachment 2



Attachment 3

