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August 24, 2009

Attn: Board Secretary

Dear Sir: Re: EB-2009-0096 Hydro One Network Rate Application

For the record, Ethyl Canada Inc. is strongly opposed to the increase in electricity rates proposed by Hydro One Network – 9.5% for 2010 and 13.3% for 2013. I find this request for such a large increase way out of line with the reality of current economic conditions.

Our company business is down 20% the past 2 years due to lost sales volume, and lower pricing necessary to avoid further lost sales volume. Because of the lost business, we have had to dramatically cut back on expenditures to ensure survival going forward in an extremely competitive market place. At this point any significant increase in cost, such as the rate increase proposed by Hydro One, will force us to cut cost even further as the marketplace will not support a price increase at this time to recover the rate increase. Therefore, it could mean layoffs. We do not see a reversal of business fortunes any time soon. In speaking with other business people in the community I know we are not alone in our financial struggles.

This is not the time for Ontario business to be hit with double digit increases in electricity rates. Please do what is best for the Ontario economy at this time, and that is to reject the rate increase proposal by Hydro One Network.

Yours truly,

Luigi Cicchini  
Director, Ethyl Canada Inc.

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