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Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

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Re: Application by Hydro One to Increase its Distribution Rates, Hydro One Networks Inc EB-2009-0096

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing to ask that the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) to be accepted as an intervener in the OEB's process to review the rate application by Hydro One for increased rates for its distribution services.

Over 85% of Ontario's farmers voluntarily belong to the OFA. Hydro One's distribution rates and investment plans will affect of Ontario's farmers and our customers who process our products.

Reliable, reasonably priced hydro is essential to Ontario's farms and to producing the over \$10 billion worth of food and fibre that Ontario's farm families supply each year. Their contributions underpin Ontario's \$18 billion food processing sector. Combined, these businesses are Ontario's second largest economic grouping and sustain over 700,000 employees and their families in communities in every part of the Province.

OFA represented Ontario farmers at the Ontario Energy Board in the past and asks to be recognized as an intervener in the present Hydro One hearing. OFA will be represented by Messrs. Ted Cowan and Don McCabe. They will work in the English language and will receive their instructions from OFA's elected Board and elected Executive Committee. OFA will not seek an award of costs in this process.

Please forward correspondence and documents related to this hearing to -

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Or by phone 416 221 8523 Or by fax 416 221 6907 Or by e-mail <u>ted.cowan@ofa.on.ca</u>

I look forward to hearing from you that OFA will be recognized as an intervener in this rates review procedure and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Neil Currie, General Manager

c: Susan Frank, Hydro One