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Ms. Nancy Marconi
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Dear Ms. Marconi,

EB-2022-0325 – Phase 2 of the Generic Hearing on Uniform Transmission Rates – Technical Conference

We are writing in connection with Phase 2 of the above-referenced generic proceeding. Pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1, issued by the OEB on December 8, 2023, Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) was ordered to prepare and file, without prejudice, a background report for the proceeding regarding Issues 4, 5 and 6. Procedural Order No.1 further contemplates that “Intervenors” (i.e. parties to the generic proceeding other than Hydro One) were to file clarifying questions regarding the background report by April 15, 2024, following which a transcribed Technical Conference would be held April 22, 2024. The purpose of the Technical Conference, as stated in the Procedural Order, is “to review and clarify the background report and to develop a proposed detailed issues list for Issues 4, 5, and 6”.

Hydro One filed the background report as required. Between April 15 and 17, Hydro One received over 170 questions (including sub-parts) from other parties to the generic proceeding. While some of the questions are in the nature of clarifying questions as expected, most of the questions received are in the nature of detailed interrogatories which require significant effort, involvement from a broader team at Hydro One than was involved in preparing the background report, as well as the need to compile data. Furthermore, a number of questions require or would benefit from input from the IESO.

In Hydro One’s view, it is not reasonably possible to consider and develop responses to all of the questions in time to present those responses orally during the Technical Conference that is scheduled for April 22, 2024. In consultation with the IESO, Hydro One suggests that a period of 4 weeks from the date the questions were received, i.e. May 13, 2024, would provide a more achievable timeline. Furthermore, Hydro One is prepared to provide written responses, in the nature of interrogatory responses, to all of the questions that it is able to respond to by such date, which it would prepare in consultation with the IESO as necessary. Hydro One therefore requests that the April 22nd Technical Conference be postponed or, should the OEB conclude that a different procedural step should follow as a result of Hydro One providing the responses in writing, cancelled.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned, or Hydro One's legal counsel in this proceeding, Jonathan Myers at jmyers@torys.com or 416-865-7532.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Uri Akselrud". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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