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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board, 27th Floor
2300 Yonge Street, Toronto
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Dear Ms Walli:

Re: EB-2017-0049 Hydro One Networks Inc. CIR Application
Notice of Intervention of Mowat Centre

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intervention of Mowat Centre in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed same to the Applicant.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul B. Sommerville".

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**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF AN
APPLICATION BY HYDRO ONE
NETWORKS INC.
2018-2022 DISTRIBUTION CUSTOM IR
APPLICATION NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE
Mowat Centre**

To: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

And to: **Ms. Erin Henderson, Senior Regulatory
Coordinator Mr. Gordon M. Nettleton,
Applicant's Counsel**

IDENTITY OF THE INTERVENOR AND ITS MEMBERSHIP

1. Mowat Centre hereby expresses its intention to intervene and participate in the above-mentioned proceeding.
2. The Mowat Centre is a public policy think tank and research organ under the auspices of the University of Toronto School of Public Policy and Governance.
3. Mowat Centre's address is:
439 University Avenue
Suite 2200
Toronto, ON
M5G 1Y8
4. Mowat Centre, through its energy hub, Mowat Energy (Mowat), provides independent evidence-based research and analysis on systemic energy policy issues facing Ontario and Canada as well as thought leadership to stakeholders, decision makers and the public to assist in the evolution of the regulatory and policy environment. Mowat has done considerable work on emerging energy trends in other jurisdictions, funded by the provincial government, and prepared a comprehensive Report focussed on that research. Mowat recently convened a stakeholder Conference at MaRS Centre on that subject. That work identified a number of significant trends which have important implications for utilities such as the Applicant. One objective of that work has been to examine whether, and if so in what ways and to what extent, those trends will affect Ontario's distribution system, its utilities, and its energy markets. Mowat has also written and sponsored a number of other relevant research papers which

are reflected on our website as "On The Grid". These papers address a wide range of relevant subjects ranging from Customer Representation to Market Reform. Mowat's focus is always the public interest.

5. It is our intention to provide policy analysis associated with the subject application based on our understanding of international and national developments in the area.
6. Mowat intends to participate in the Board's proceeding, and reserves the right to file Interrogatories and Argument, should circumstances make that advisable.

INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT MOWAT IN THIS PROCEEDING

7. Mowat requests that electronic copies of the application and any further additional supporting materials be sent to :

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8. **Mowat is requesting that one (1) copy of the application and proceeding materials be sent to its offices at 439 University Avenue, Suite 2200, Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8.**

GROUNDINGS FOR THE INTERVENTION

9. The Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) application advances a 5 year custom incentive rate plan. The Application necessarily invokes consideration of a wide variety of significant policy components, including the orderly and economic integration into its system of new Distributed Energy Resources, the creation of new customer classes, and inter-rate class issues. We believe that the participation of Mowat as an intervenor will materially assist the Board in its consideration of the many and varied policy elements of the application.

INTERESTS OF THE INTERVENOR

10. Mowat is intervening in order to ensure that the policy implications of the proceeding are fully and fairly represented in its consideration. Mowat, as a research hub focused

on such issues is, we believe, uniquely equipped to provide an international and national perspective.

INTENTION TO SEEK COST AWARDS

11. While Mowat's engagement will be measured, Mowat will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).

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DATED AT TORONTO, JUNE 13, 2017