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Dear Ms. Nollert:

**Re: Response to Extension Notification – Timelines of Toronto, Ottawa, and Burlington-Nanticoke Integrated Regional Resource Plans
IESO Licence: EI-2013-0066**

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter dated April 5, 2024, in which you indicate that the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is notifying the OEB that an additional six months will be needed to complete three Integrated Regional Resource Plans (IRRP), as required by section 21.2.2 (b) of the IESO's licence ("Regional Planning Obligations"). Those IRRP include Toronto, Ottawa, and Burlington-Nanticoke.

The April 5th letter indicates that the new expected publication date for each IRRP is as follows:

- Toronto IRRP on March 20, 2025
- Ottawa IRRP on March 20, 2025
- Burlington-Nanticoke IRRP on November 28, 2024

The following summarizes the contributing factors for the extensions that you identified in the April 5th letter:

Toronto IRRP

Since the IRRP was launched, there has been significant interest in studying a decarbonization scenario including evaluating options that would enable the

retirement of Portlands Energy Centre. That introduces additional scope in relation to the IRRP and requires additional engagement. The development of the forecast scenarios has also taken longer than anticipated due to their complexity, particularly for the high electrification forecast.

Ottawa IRRP

There is similar interest to understand the decarbonization scenario for the City of Ottawa, including how its Energy Evolution plan translates to a demand scenario. The production of the reference demand forecast has taken additional time as it has required incorporating new assumptions related to electrification. Hydro Ottawa has also engaged an external consultant to develop their decarbonization and electrification demand scenarios.

Burlington-Nanticoke IRRP

In relation to the Caledonia-Norfolk and Brant sub-regions, a need to study new transmission -- beyond the scope contemplated during the Scoping Assessment -- has emerged. Additional time will therefore be required for assessment and engagement related to the needs and options for both sub-regions.

For the Hamilton sub-region, the Technical Working Group is also in the process of updating the demand forecast to better account for electrification and, due to supply infrastructure linkages with the Brant sub-region, more time is needed to consider how the options to address needs in the Brant sub-region may be impacted.

We note that those extensions will result in the maximum of two years provided under section 21.2.2 (b). As you are aware, if the IESO believes additional time is needed, please provide the OEB with sufficient time to review a request for an extension beyond the maximum of time provided.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Chris Cincar at Chris.Cincar@oeb.ca or at 416-440-7696. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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