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Attn: Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

<u>Re: EB-2024-0116 – B2M LP 2025-2029</u> <u>Re: EB-2024-0117 – Niagara Reinforcement LP 2025-2029</u>

We are counsel to the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"). SEC writes on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO") and the Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC" and collectively the "Consumer Groups"). Each of the Consumer Groups has sought to intervene in the 5-year rate application of B2M LP (EB-2024-0116) and expects to file a similar request for the 5-year rate application of Niagara Reinforcement LP (EB-2024-0117).

Both applications relate to a single asset transmitter, with the same 2025-2029 rate term, request identical rate frameworks, and are both being brought on behalf of the specific entities by Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One"). To promote both regulatory efficiency and ensure consistent decision-making, the Consumer Groups request that the OEB combine the applications into a single proceeding.

SEC has raised the request with Hydro One, and they agree that the two applications should be heard together. However, if they are combined, since the entities are distinct, any interrogatories and orders should still be referenced separately by their respective application EB numbers.

Yours very truly, **Shepherd Rubenstein P.C.**

Mark Rubenstein

cc: Brian McKay, SEC (by email) Applicants and intervenors (by email)