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Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi,

Re: Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. - Licence Amendment to Include the Community of Poplar Hill First Nation in its Service Territory

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (**Remotes**) hereby applies for an amendment to its electricity distribution licence under Section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (**OEB Act**) to add the community of Poplar Hill First Nation (**Poplar Hill**) to its distribution service territory.

Rates for customers in Poplar Hill were approved in EB-2022-0041. Costs and revenues associated with serving the community were included in Remotes' Distribution System Plan as part of that same proceeding, starting in 2024.

The communities that are served by Remotes are also prescribed by legislation. O. Reg. 199/02 under the *Electricity Act, 1998*, has been amended to include the community of Poplar Hill in Remotes' service territory once the Board issues an order amending the licence to include that community. O. Reg. 442/01 under the OEB Act allows the community to benefit from Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection once it is served by Remotes.

Remotes requests that this application proceed without a hearing as allowed under section 21(4) of the OEB Act, as no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the approval of this application. The community stands to achieve an immediate benefit when it enters Remotes' service territory, as it has been struggling to operate and maintain a community electrical system that has been a technical and financial burden and the Wataynikaneyap transmission line connection will provide the necessary reliability and capacity for years to come.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanne Richardson", written in a cursive style.

Joanne Richardson

cc: Brian Hewson, Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance, OEB
Alvin Owen, Chief, Poplar Hill First Nation
Tom Woodward, Band Administrator, Poplar Hill First Nation
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