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Dear Mr. Murray,

EB-2025-0254 – Wasaga Distribution Inc. Application for a Service Area Amendment – Hydro One Response to WDI Delay Request

I am writing further to the letter of Ms. Ashly Karamatic to the Ontario Energy Board on behalf of the Applicant, Wasaga Distribution Inc. ("WDI") dated October 23, 2025 ("the Delay Request"). The Delay Request is seeking to delay the timelines set out in Procedural No. 1 ("PO1"). The Delay Request was filed without notice and service on Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI), despite HONI's standing as a registered intervenor in this proceeding. HONI was made aware of the Delay Request by chance, through an end-of-day review of the OEB's webdrawer.

The Delay Request acknowledges that HONI filed its evidence on October 17, 2025; in accordance with PO1. Pursuant to PO1, WDI, intervenors and OEB Staff are afforded the opportunity of a discovery process through the filing of written interrogatories and can request any relevant information or documentation of the Applicant or Intervenor, relevant to the hearing of the issues in this proceeding. Written interrogatories are due to be filed **today; October 24, 2025**.

The Delay Request to delay today's procedural timeline in order to file additional evidence, following a review of HONI's evidence, to clarify aspects of WDI's application without any specificity, justification or reference to the issues it seeks to clarify, respectfully, should be denied. Moreover, it should be inferred from the Delay Request that the additional evidence WDI seeks to introduce is neither new or material to the matters in issue, which justification is notably absent from WDI's request. The Applicant has had sufficient opportunity to consider its application as it was filed on August 19, 2025, and should not be afforded a do-over, as this would lead to procedural unfairness should a similar request arise again from WDI, or any other registered party, without the need to provide adequate justification to the OEB to consider the request.

In addition, the Applicant is not prejudiced by the denial of the request. WDI has the ability to clarify the evidence and adduce evidence in this proceeding through the written interrogatory process. Given the Applicant's position in the application of the pressing needs specific to the connection, this also favours a decision by the OEB to confirm the current timelines in PO1.

Lastly, in the event that the OEB grants the request by WDI, HONI submits that the dates proposed by the Applicant to have a) the responses to interrogatories and b) final written submissions being filed by November 7th, is procedurally unfair, and does not afford parties the opportunity to consider and rely on the interrogatory responses and evidence in its written submission as they are being submitted on the same date.

For all the reasons stated above, WDI's Delay Request should be denied, and the procedural timelines in PO1 maintained.

Given the imminent procedural deadlines to file written interrogatories today pursuant to PO1, HONI requests an immediate ruling on the WDI Delay Request. This will ensure that HONI, or any other registered party to this proceeding, is not prejudiced by resourcing and working toward dates that are no longer applicable, and that will be amended.

A copy of this letter has been submitted using the Ontario Energy Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pasquale Catalano", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pasquale Catalano