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RE: EB-2026-0083 – Hydro One Networks Inc. – St. Thomas Transmisison Line Project – Expropriation – Application and Evidence – Confidentiality Request

We are counsel to Hydro One Networks Inc. (“**Hydro One**”), the Applicant in the above-referenced proceeding.

Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Ontario Energy Board’s (“**OEB**”) Rules of Practice and Procedure and the OEB’s Practice Direction on Confidential Filings dated December 17, 2021 (the “**Practice Direction**”), Hydro One is hereby requesting confidential treatment of certain information contained in this Application. The specific information for which Hydro One seeks confidential treatment and a summary of supporting rationale are set out below as required by subsection 5.1 of the Practice Direction.

Application Reference	Information for which confidential treatment is being requested	Presumptively Confidential Category (Appendix B to the Practice Direction)	Alternative Rationale (Appendix A to the Practice Direction)
Appendix 2- Connection and Cost Recovery Agreement	Hydro One seeks confidential treatment for the sensitive customer and commercial information, including information related to load profiles, financial / payment details, project milestone dates, and sensitive engineering design details, contained within the Connection and Cost Recovery Agreement between PowerCo Canada Inc. and Hydro One. Limited and discrete information on 13 pages of the Connection and Cost Recovery Agreement is proposed to be redacted.	Information that would disclose load profiles, energy usage and billing information of a specific customer that is not personal information.	Hydro One’s Electricity Transmission Licence prohibits the disclosure of customer information. To ensure the protection of sensitive customer and commercial information, it is imperative that content within the Connection and Cost Recovery Agreement between Hydro One and the Customer remains confidential. This type of information was previously determined to be confidential by the OEB. ¹ Public disclosure of this information would impede or diminish Hydro One’s capacity to fulfill its contractual and regulatory obligations to customers, including under its Electricity Transmission Licence.

¹ EB-2006-0352, EB-2012-0442, and EB-2013-0040/EB-2013-0041.

Hydro One submits that the need for the relief requested outweighs the Board's general public interest objectives of information transparency and openness. The redactions cover confidential information between Hydro One and its customer, which is intricately tied to the connection work for the project. Specifically, the noted Connection and Cost Recovery Agreement contains financial and commercial sensitive information (e.g., detailed financial information and payment schedule, project milestone dates, sensitive engineering design details from a system security perspective, load profiles, etc.). Disclosure of this information would impede or diminish Hydro One's capacity to fulfill its contractual and regulatory obligations to the customer.

Notably, while Hydro One relies on the existence of the Agreement in support of its Application for approval to expropriate, the specific terms of the Agreement, including the proposed redactions, are not determinative of, nor of importance to, assessing the issues in an expropriation application before the OEB.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,



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