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Dear Mr. Murray,

EB-2026-0018 – Hydro One Networks Inc. Leave to Construct Application – Orléans Area Reinforcement – Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Intervenor Registration

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Notice of Hearing, issued June 22, 2026, outlined that anyone wishing to be an intervenor must register to do so by July 13, 2026. Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is confirming that it acknowledges and accepts the only intervention request received to date filed by Mokto Walkley Limited Partnership (Mokto Walkley LP).

Hydro One notes that Mokto Walkley LP has requested that the OEB proceed by way of an oral hearing to ensure that its interests are fully and fairly addressed. Hydro One is mindful of Section 5.1 of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act* (SPPA) which states that tribunals, including the OEB, shall hold written hearings unless a party presents compelling justification for an alternative approach.¹ In considering whether such compelling justification has been established, Hydro One notes the OEB's findings² in proceeding EB-2022-0140, wherein the OEB concluded that the written hearing process provides sufficient scope for all parties to scrutinize the applicant's evidence adequately, and that while some evidence may be complex and technical, this alone does not necessitate an oral hearing.

The written hearing process affords procedural flexibility and allows the OEB, when appropriate, to impose additional steps to enhance the information gathering and discovery process. As a practicable matter, Hydro One is also mindful that the time and resources required to convene an oral public hearing are significant. Given the thoroughness and flexibility of the written hearing process and consistent with OEB precedent and the SPPA standard, Hydro One respectfully submits that Mokto Walkley LP has not demonstrated compelling justification and its request for an oral proceeding can and should be dismissed.

Hydro One looks forward to the next step in the regulatory process of this area reinforcement project and receiving the OEB's first Procedural Order in this Application.

Sincerely,



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¹ Statutory Powers Procedure Act, RSO 1990, c S.22.

² EB-2022-0140, OEB Procedural Order No 4 and Decision on Motion, dated September 27, 2022, pages 2 to 4.