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Mr. Ritchie Murray
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Dear Mr. Murray:

Re: Hydro One Networks Inc.- Leave to Construct Application – Northeast Power Line Transmission Project (“Project”), EB-2026-0154 – Interrogatory Responses and Confidential Filing

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

In accordance with Procedural Order No.1, issued July 22, 2026, Hydro One filed an electronic copy of its responses to interrogatory questions posed by Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) Staff and noted that a confidentiality request would be submitted for some of the responses.

In accordance with Rule 10.01 of the OEB Rules of Practice and Procedure (the “Rules”) 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 its responses to OEB Staff interrogatories.

The specific information for which Hydro One seeks confidential treatment and a summary of supporting rationale are set out below as required by Section 5 of the Practice Direction.

No.	IR	Response or Exhibit, and the information for which confidential treatment is being requested	Presumptively confidential category (Appendix B)	Additional Alternative Rationale, reasons and harms (Appendix A)
1.	OEB Staff 4(b)(c)	Exhibit I, Tab 1, Schedule Attachments I-6		The Attachments consist of Excel spreadsheets showing the calculation of the Project’s annual line losses.

No.	IR	Response or Exhibit, and the information for which confidential treatment is being requested	Presumptively confidential category (Appendix B)	Additional Alternative Rationale, reasons and harms (Appendix A)
				The requested information consists of commercial material that is consistently treated in a confidential manner by Hydro One. Disclosure of this information could prejudice the competitive position of wholesale market participants, likely producing significant loss or gain. Confidential treatment of this commercially sensitive information is consistent with the OEB's Decision and Order dated March 15, 2021 in EB-2020-0265, January 16, 2024 in EB-2023-0198, and October 16, 2024 in EB-2024-0155 .
2.	7(h)	Exhibit I, Tab 1, Schedule 7	Unit billing of a third party (EPC contractor).	Information related to Engineering, Procurement and Construction ("EPC") contract. Confidential treatment of this commercially sensitive information is consistent with the OEB's Decision and Orders dated December 12, 2019, in EB-2019-0082, November 9, 2022, in EB-2022-0041, January 16, 2024 in EB-2023-0198, and October 16, 2024 in EB-2024-0155 .
3.	8(c)	Exhibit I, Tab 1, Schedule 8, part c)	Unit billing of a third party (EPC contractor).	Information related to Engineering, Procurement and Construction ("EPC") contract. Confidential treatment of this commercially sensitive information is consistent with the OEB's Decision and Orders dated December 12, 2019, in EB-2019-0082, November 9, 2022, in EB-2022-0041, January 16, 2024 in EB-2023-0198, and October 16, 2024 in EB-2024-0155 .

Hydro One proposes that the confidential versions of its responses to the above-noted OEB Staff interrogatories be treated as confidential and disclosed only to persons that meet the criteria of section 6.1.2 of the Practice Direction and that have submitted a signed Declaration and Undertaking in the form required by the Practice Direction.

Hydro One submits that the need for the relief requested outweighs the OEB's general public interest objectives of information transparency and openness

Hydro One's Engineering and Procurement Contracts ("EPC") are bespoke documents that pertain specifically to the facts and circumstances of this Project. The terms and conditions contained in these agreements are the subject-matter of good faith negotiations.

Hydro One's experience as a transmission and distribution project developer is that there are a limited number of EPC vendors offering utility services in Ontario such that disclosure of the requested information could prejudice the EPC contractor's competitive position in future competitive procurements or bids with other and future potential clients. Disclosure of the confidential information could also prejudice the EPC contractor's subcontracting negotiations for the Project that is the subject of this proceeding.

In addition, disclosing this information could interfere significantly with Hydro One's other and future negotiating position regarding other outsourcing agreements with the potential to reduce Hydro One's likelihood of receiving lowest cost bids.

Please contact the undersigning if you have any questions in regard to the foregoing.

Yours truly,



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c: EB-2026-0154 Interested Parties