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Dear Eryn Mackinnon:

Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks)
Application for Expropriation for the Welland-Thorold Power Line Project
OEB File Number: EB-2026-0284

Application for Leave to Construct and Expropriation for the Welland-Thorold Power Line Project
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0290

This letter is to notify you of the following:

1. Further to the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) acknowledgment letter dated November 6, 2026, the OEB has completed its preliminary review of your expropriation application having File No. EB-2026-0284 and will now commence the processing of your application.

2. Pursuant to the OEB's authority under section 21(5) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), the OEB is combining Phase 2 of your application in File No. EB-2025-0290, namely your application for expropriation, with your application for expropriation having File No. EB-2026-0284. Both applications for expropriation will be heard as one proceeding under File No. EB-2026-0284.

3. Any future filings related to this combined proceeding are to be filed under EB-2026-0284.

The context is as follows. On November 18, 2025, Hydro One Networks filed an application with the OEB for leave to construct the Welland-Thorold Power Line Project and expropriation authority for 4 properties (EB-2025-0290). In that proceeding, in Procedural Order No. 2, the OEB determined that it would not hear the requests for leave to construct and expropriation concurrently. The OEB's reasons included that hearing the requests concurrently would not be consistent with section 99 of the OEB Act which requires that an applicant have leave to construct or an exemption from leave to construct before applying for expropriation authority.

The OEB bifurcated the proceeding into two Phases. Phase 1 would deal with the leave to construct portion of the application and if leave was granted, Phase 2 would deal with the expropriation request. The OEB granted leave to construct the Welland-Thorold Power Line Project on July 9, 2026, completing Phase 1.

On August 28, 2026, Hydro One Networks filed an updated expropriation application for File No. EB-2025-0290, which contained a request for expropriation for an additional property. As noted by Hydro One Networks in its cover letter, this update represented a material change to the application filed on November 18, 2025. The OEB acknowledged this update in a letter on September 8, 2026.

In its application dated November 3, 2026 for File No. EB-2026-0284, Hydro One Networks requested expropriation authority for 4 properties in relation to the Welland-Thorold Power Line Project. This is in addition to the 5 properties for which expropriation was requested in EB-2025-0290. As both expropriation requests relate to the same project, under section 21(5) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the OEB has decided to combine Phase 2 of EB-2025-0290 with EB-2026-0284 to promote regulatory efficiency.

The OEB will place your updated application filed August 28, 2026 for File No. EB-2025-0290 on the record of proceeding for File No. EB-2026-0284. The OEB will treat your application dated August 28, 2026 and your application dated November 3, 2026 together as your complete application for File No. EB-2026-0284.

By letter dated November 11, 2026, Hydro One Networks confirmed that the documents it has filed in support of its application dated November 3, 2026 do not include any personal information (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) that has not otherwise been redacted.

Hydro One Networks is reminded that it is responsible for ensuring that the documents it files with the OEB, such as its evidence, responses to interrogatories and any other supporting documentation, do not include personal information (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with Rule 9A of the OEB’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

The next steps for EB-2026-0284 will be communicated in due course.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the case manager, Muhammad Yunus, at 416-544-5178 or Muhammad.Yunus@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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