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Sheri Young
Secretary
National Energy Board
517 Tenth Avenue SW
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Dear Ms. Young:

TransCanada Eastern Mainline Project - Hydro One's Late Intervention Request

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) is a transmission company with operations throughout the province of Ontario. The TransCanada Eastern Mainline Project (“the Project”), as proposed, potentially impacts Hydro One’s transmission corridors and existing facilities.

There are inherent safety concerns when the Project crosses, or is adjacent to, Hydro One’s transmission corridors. Since being notified of the Project, Hydro One has attended two public information centres and requested further details on land matters from the Applicant but has yet to receive sufficient detail pertaining to the route of the pipeline. The land details being requested by Hydro One will help assess the potential impact of the Project on Hydro One’s transmission corridors. The Project could impact 115kV, 230 kV and 500 kV corridors where there are either Hydro One owned lands, Hydro One easement lands or Bill 58 lands under the Reliable Energy and Consumer Protection Act in Ontario.

Additionally, Hydro One’s electrical distribution system totals approximately 123,000 circuit kilometres of lower-voltage power lines, poles and transformers, serving more than 1.3 million customers in both rural and urban centres across Ontario. Given the proposed route, this Project could also impact Hydro One’s distribution system.

With respect to this Project, there are several items that remain outstanding between the two companies, including, but not limited to, compensation agreements, easement schedules, temporary use and access agreements, as well as construction and encroachment agreements. Consequently, Hydro One believes it is appropriate to obtain late-intervenor status such that it can effectively participate in the National Energy Board’s determination of the Project, that, if approved, can have varied impacts on Hydro One’s operations in the area.

Hydro One requests that documents filed with the Board in this proceeding be served as follows –

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