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**MAR 25 2010**

Mr. Brian McCormick  
Hydro One Networks Inc.  
Manager, Environmental Services and Approvals  
483 Bay Street, TCT12, North Tower  
Toronto ON M5G 2P5

Dear Mr. McCormick:

On August 24, 2009, I received one request that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) be required to prepare an individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Duart Transformer Station (Project), in the Township of Highgate.

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that a decision has been made that an individual EA is not required. This decision was made after giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the request, the Project documentation, the provisions of Hydro One's Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Class EA), and other relevant matters required to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA). The reasons for my decision may be found in the attached letter to the requester.

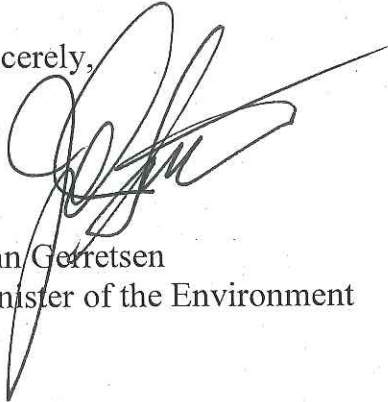
With this decision having been made, Hydro One may now proceed with the Project. Hydro One must implement the Project in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the Draft Environmental Study Report (Draft ESR) and inclusive of all mitigation measures and environmental and other provisions therein. In accordance with the Class EA, any commitments made to affected agencies or members of the public, must be fulfilled and implemented as part of the proposed Project.

Lastly, I would like to ensure that Hydro One understands that failure to comply with the EAA, the provisions of the Class EA, and failure to implement the Project in the manner described in the Draft ESR, are contraventions of the EAA and may result in prosecution

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under section 38 of the Act. I am confident that Hydro One recognizes the importance and value of the EAA and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Class EA are satisfied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gerretsen', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

John Gerretsen  
Minister of the Environment

c: Requester  
EA File No. 06-07 Duart Transformer Station