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Dear :

RE: Rodney Transformer Station

Thank you for your letter regarding Hydro One's proposed plan to construct a transformer station in the West Elgin/Chatham Kent area. We appreciate the time you have taken, and value your comments.

We have received comments from a number of residents and are taking those concerns into consideration. As a result, our next public information centre, originally scheduled for fall of 2007, has been deferred until early winter 2008 so that we can further analyze potential sites for the new transformer station. You have been added to our mailing list and will be personally notified of the date and location once it has been confirmed.

As you are aware, this area is served by St. Thomas TS and Kent TS. St. Thomas TS has reached its end of life. A number of residents have received copies of Hydro One's "Distribution Area Study for St. Thomas TS to Kent TS" and believe that refurbishing St. Thomas TS is more advantageous than constructing a new transformer station. Hydro One's system planning staff have studied the options and concluded that building a new transformer station is a more desirable option than refurbishing St. Thomas TS. A new transformer station in the Chatham-Kent and West Elgin area will offer a number of benefits both from a system and community perspective:

- Provides improved reliability because it will be located closer to the load centre, where power is in most demand
- Improves the ability to transfer loads, formerly supplied by St. Thomas TS, between Rodney TS and Kent TS
- Reduces the length of the distribution feeder lines in the area and the risk of outages from the lines that currently run between St. Thomas TS and Kent TS
- Reduces losses, which fulfils a Conservation and Demand Management directive that was committed by the Ontario Government, the Ontario Power Authority, the Ontario Energy Board and Hydro One
- Least costly option for Ontario ratepayers

We appreciate your patience as we continue with our planning studies. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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