

April 30, 2009

Hydro One Networks Inc
483 Bay Street,
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Dear Ms. Formusa:

Re: Proposed Rodney Transformer Station Study - 401/Duart Road Site

I am the spokesperson for 40 local families in the above mentioned immediate study area. I am writing to you and notifying various parties to confirm at this stage that our community has continuing serious concerns respecting your proposed development of a transformer station at the 401/Duart Road site (the "Site") of which you have been advised previously.

We are aware that in March 2004, your organization conducted a *Distribution Area Study For St. Thomas TS to Kent TS*. The March 2004 Study considered two of Hydro One's alternative study options, which appear to be preferable and more viable at brown field sites and are substantially similarly economic. On or about March 26, 2009, community members were notified subsequently that you have selected this Site and were invited to the Public Information Centre on April 7, 2009 for a preview of Hydro One's draft Environmental Study Report ("ESR"). We understand that you are well along in your Class Environmental Assessment process and we will be fully involved in that process, however, we wish to formally register our vigorous opposition to the 401/Duart Road site as your preferred location for the proposed Rodney Transformer Station ("Station") at this time so that our opposition and reasons therefore may be registered in that ESR.

Our community members have met on several occasions to assess our views to your Site proposal. Some of our members wrote earlier correspondence to Premier McGuinty and CEO Laura Formusa outlining their concerns with the Site selection in the face of reasonable alternatives. As it appears that Hydro One is still pressing on with the Rodney Site selection, we have engaged counsel to oppose the selection of this Site and intend to engage engineering experts who will speak to the viability of some of the alternatives your organization has studied.

In fairness to our fellow citizen/users/ratepayers, we appreciate that the operations of the provincial grid require planned upgrades and replacements for retiring plant and equipment. Counsel has explained this to us and we therefore approach this project with a constructive understanding that there is likely some facilities justification for an upgrade either to relieve congestion or to enhance reliability somewhere along that transmission circuit.

One suggestion relating to the location and emanating from Hydro One was that the Site was selected to eliminate or reduce sag. Whatever the underlying reasons, the pivotal community question is: why this Site when there are viable alternatives at existing developed sites?

The issues that concern the members of our community include:

- Size and configuration of the Site over 17 acres
- The effectiveness of the study area and alternative locations
- Economic facilities justification as demand drops
- Future plans related to incremental development of the Site
- Stray voltage and guarantee of non-existence
- Increased local lightening strikes
- Health impacts on humans, including EMF within 85 meters

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- Impacts on livestock including pigs, poultry, cattle, horses, dairy
- Impacts on wildlife such as sound and construction
- Access from the 401 without an interchange
- Adjacent Spencer Airport location, Highgate Aerodrome in
N42 33 16/ W81 48 11 identifier is CNA2
- Interference with personal and business electronic communications equipment
affecting reliability
- Soil characteristics that do not ground circuits and equipment well
- Visibility impacts
- Sound impacts
- Property devaluation

As our starting point, our community will be requiring that Hydro One conduct a review and update to the 2004 Distribution Area Study, with a view to demonstrating the viability of using existing alternative brown field sites for the transmission upgrade. Our community will be requiring a complete stray voltage study, which will include a review of local soils types and ground water testing.

Through this letter, members of the Safe Hydro Alliance are formally inviting Hydro One representatives and the Company's Community Relations Officer, Marylena Stea, to a meeting, the date of which we would like to arrange on a mutually convenient basis at a local location. You or your delegates are welcome to attend the meeting with as many of your advisors as you wish and we will attend on a professional and prepared basis.

I look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 519.860.5037 or email me at jacky@accellgraphics.com.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacky Carruthers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jacky Carruthers