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Re: Midtown Toronto Electricity Infrastructure Renewal ("Midtown Project") Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of Preliminary Preferred Route

Dear «First_Name» «Last_Name»

The purpose of this letter is to seek your feedback and comments on the preliminary, preferred route for the proposed undertaking (see attached map).

As you may recall, the proposed undertaking is intended to improve reliability for Toronto Hydro customers by relieving the existing circuit loads which are currently operating above their capacity. Hydro One has now completed a review of alternative route options and has identified the preliminary preferred route.

The preferred route involves the following:

- rebuilding the existing overhead double-circuit (L14W/L15W transmission line as a three-circuit line along the existing Hydro One right-of-way and Canadian Pacific Railway Limited (CPR) corridor between Leaside TS and Bayview Jct utilizing a combination of new lattice and steel pole structures;

- replacing the existing aging underground cable (L14W) and installation of a second new circuit between Bayview Jct and Birch Jct by means of rock tunnel method which involves the construction of five shafts. Hydro One is proposing to locate two terminal exit shafts at Bayview and Birch Junctions. One main shaft (5 meter width x 12 meter length) would be required at the mid point of the junctions located at Carstowe Road on Hydro One property. During construction, this shaft would be used to lower and raise the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) in and out of the shaft as well as to remove rock debris during boring operations. This shaft would also serve as the main access point for future maintenance requirements. Two intermediate shafts are proposed for locations which are approximately half way between the exit shafts and the main shaft. These would serve as emergency rescue shafts.

One would be located south of the Rosedale Pumping Station on City property and the other intermediate shaft would be located either at the north end of Glen Road south of the CPR tracks on City property or, at the far north west end of Astley Avenue, south of the CPR tracks on Hydro One owned land; and

- re-activation of the idle (overhead double-circuit (L14W/idle circuit) circuit on existing transmission line, between Birch Jct and Bridgman TS, which will involve re-stinging both lines.

The second set of PICs will be held on November, 30th, and December, 2nd, 2009. At this point, the preferred route will be presented to the general public. An invitation to this event will be provided to you closer to the dates.

A map of the proposed facilities is attached to this letter for your reference. We kindly ask you advise us of any comments or concerns you may have regarding the project (see attached map). If requested, we will be happy to arrange meeting with you in person.

If you have any questions regarding the Midtown Project, please feel free to contact me at (416) 345-6597, or Ms. Yu San Ong, Environmental Planner, at (416) 345-5031. Further information can also be found on the Project Website at www.HydroOneNetworks.com/newproject

We appreciate your continued support, interest, and input on this project and look forward to heading from you.

Sincerely,

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