APPENDIX 4-B

Commitments

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1	To avoid impacts to sensitive areas, the siting of temporary facilities including staging areas, stockpiles, and rider poles will be subject to environmental and archaeological assessment. Where avoidance is not feasible, mitigation measures and monitoring commitments will be implemented to mitigate potential effects.	Post EA	Section 2.3.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction	N	Y	Y	TBD
2	Vegetation management will prioritize mechanical clearing methods and avoid herbicide use in ecologically sensitive areas, including habitats for Species at Risk (SAR). In response to concerns raised by First Nations and the Métis communities, Hydro One will continue to evaluate herbicide use through ongoing consultation and engagement.	Post EA	Section 2.3.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	O&M	Indigenous and non-Indigenous	N	Y	TBD
3	Continuing engagement with First Nation communities to further document land use, cultural values, and community identified interests, where communities wish to share this information	EA and Post EA	Section 3.2.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	Y	Y	TBD
4	Incorporating First Nation land use and values information into Project planning, design, and decision making as it becomes available	EA and Post EA	Section 3.2.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	Y	Y	TBD
5	Considering First Nation land use, cultural values, and Treaty rights in effects assessment and the identification of appropriate mitigation measures	EA and Post EA	Section 3.2.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	Y	Y	TBD
6	Respecting community preferences regarding the confidentiality, sensitivity, and mapping of traditional land use areas	EA and Post EA	Section 3.2.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	Y	Y	TBD
7	Mapping of the Project Study Area (PSA) that overlaps with traditional land use areas will be generalized for privacy purposes and included in future Project documentation to support Project planning, design, and construction, where appropriate.	EA and Post EA	Section 3.2.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	Y	Y	TBD
8	Continuing engagement with First Nations and Métis communities to document land and water use and values; incorporating First Nation and Métis Traditional Knowledge Land Use Study (TKLUS) into Project planning as it becomes available; considering this information in effects assessment, and mitigation planning; and respecting community preferences regarding the confidentiality and mapping of sensitive areas.	EA and Post EA	Section 3.2.1.4 Section 3.2.1.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	Y	Y	TBD
9	Pursue ongoing engagement and consultation with Aboriginal and Treaty rightholders and stakeholders through the Project's design and construction.	EA and Post EA	Section 3.9.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	N	Y	TBD
10	Incorporate Indigenous land use data throughout project planning, effect assessment, and mitigation planning to ensure respectful, inclusive, and culturally informed development.	EA	Section 3.9.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	N	Y	TBD
11	Identify and avoid areas which support current or past Indigenous traditional uses to the extent possible.	EA	Section 3.9.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	N	Y	TBD
12	Safeguard cultural heritage through Chance Find Protocols, pre-construction reviews, and further engagement where avoidance is not possible.	Post EA	Section 4.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	Y	Y	TBD
13	Ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities, including participation in fieldwork, integration of traditional knowledge into planning and mitigation, and respect for confidentiality regarding traditional land use.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD

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14	Uphold Aboriginal and Treaty Rights obligations, and minimize disruption to culturally and ecologically significant areas.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
15	Continue engagement with Indigenous communities to better understand landscape-level effects, identify appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures, and ensure potential adverse effects on the exercise of Indigenous and Treaty rights are considered throughout Project planning and implementation.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
16	Continue engagement and dialogue with the First Nation communities beyond the submission of the Final ER.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
17	Consider any additional information, recommendations, or perspectives received from First Nation communities in good faith and integrate such information as appropriate into subsequent stages of project planning.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
18	Continue working collaboratively to ensure that potential impacts to Section 35 rights are properly identified, assessed, understood, mitigated, and/or accommodated, and that they, along with Traditional Knowledge, interests, and perspectives, continue to inform the project as it progresses.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
19	Continuing to engage with Métis communities to better understand and develop mitigations to minimize effects to Métis citizens and their access to and activities practiced within their harvesting areas.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
20	Continuing engagement and dialogue with the MNO and the affected Métis communities it represents beyond the submission of the Final ER.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
21	Consider any additional information, recommendations, or perspectives received from the MNO and the affected Métis communities in good faith and integrate such information as appropriate into subsequent stages of project planning.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
22	Continue working collaboratively to ensure that potential impacts to Métis Section 35 rights are properly identified, assessed, understood, mitigated, and/or accommodated, and that they, along with Métis Traditional Knowledge, interests, and perspectives, continue to inform the project as it progresses.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
23	Ongoing engagement with Métis communities, consistent with its Indigenous Relations Policy, which emphasizes respectful collaboration, recognition of Indigenous rights, and partnership with Indigenous communities over the life cycle of the Project, including through adaptive management and monitoring.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
24	Prepare and include an Archaeological Resources Management Plan in the Environmental Management System (EMS).	Post EA	Section 4.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	TBD
25	Avoid sensitive areas wherever feasible, ceasing all activities and notify First Nations and the Métis communities, local police and/or coroner's office where applicable, immediately if cultural materials or human remains are discovered.	Post EA	Section 4.2 Section 4.13 / Table 4-3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction	Y	Y	Y	TBD

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26	Prepare and include a Vegetation Management Plan, including a Burn Plan, and a Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Plan, and incorporate these into the EMS. These plans will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 4.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction.	N	N	Y	TBD
27	Prepare and include a Working in and Near Water and Wetlands Plan in the EMS. This plan will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 4.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction.	N	N	Y	TBD
28	Engage with Indigenous communities, including Métis communities and MNO, on reclamation plans.	EA	Section 4.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-Construction	Y	N	Y	TBD
29	Prepare and include an Invasive Species Management Plan in the EMS. This plan will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 4.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	N	N	Y	TBD
30	Prepare and include Excavated Material Management Plan and Imported Soil and Aggregate Management Plan in the EMS. These plans will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 4.4.1.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	TBD
31	Prepare and include a Dust and Air Quality Control Plan in the EMS. This plan will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 4.4.2.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	TBD
32	Prepare and include a Noise and Vibration Control and Monitoring Plan as well as a Blasting Management Plan in the EMS. This plan will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 4.4.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	TBD
33	Prepare and include a Water Management Plan in the EMS. This plan will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 4.4.4.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	TBD
34	Prepare and include a Spill Prevention and Response Plan in the EMS. This plan will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 4.4.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	TBD
35	Develop and implement post-construction restoration measures for cultural heritage landscape through a Site Restoration and Reclamation Plan, to be incorporated in the EMS and subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 4.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	TBD
36	An Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) plan will be developed to include mitigation measures such as constructing watercourse crossings during low flow conditions, retaining compatible stream bank vegetation, use of ESC during construction and restoration, and storing materials away from sensitive receptors (e.g., watercourses, drains, wetlands).	Post EA	Section 4.3.6	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	TBD
37	Prior to construction, Hydro One will conduct infrastructure verification surveys, such as utility locates, record checks and geotechnical investigations to identify underground or abandoned utilities.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.8.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	Y	Y	TBD

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38	Undertake a Biodiversity Initiative specific to this Project to offset any habitat loss or transition (long-term change) that may occur as a result of the Project.	Post EA	Section 4.12	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	O&M; Monitoring	N	N	Y	The scope of the Biodiversity Initiative has not yet been fully determined but typically such initiatives involve the funding of third-party projects or proposals (opportunities), such as wetland and wildlife habitat creation and enhancement, or aquatic habitat restoration and enhancement activities, invasive species inventory or removal, etc. Following completion of the Environmental Report and OEB Leave to Construct processes, Hydro One will engage with interested parties to discuss the implementation of the Biodiversity Initiative for the Project.
39	Build and maintain relationships of mutual respect with Indigenous communities, while recognizing that Indigenous communities and their lands are unique in Canada, with distinct legal, historical and cultural significance.	EA and Post EA	Section 4.13 / Table 4-3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
40	Maintain engagement with Indigenous communities to provide regular Project updates. And work with communities to actively identify and avoid areas which support current or past traditional use for the harvesting of wildlife or fish, the harvesting of traditional plants, or use as sites of spiritual or cultural significance, to the extent possible.	Post EA	Section 4.13 / Table 4-3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction;O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	TBD
41	Incorporate Whitefish River First Nation Land Use and Occupancy Study (LUOS) findings when the result becomes available	EA	Section 5.3.14	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	N	Y	TBD

TBD = To be determined.