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Mary Hennessy, Director (Acting)  
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**Re: Hydro One Clarington Transformer Station**

Dear Ms. Hennessy,

As you are aware, on January 2, 2014 the Minister of the Environment decided that an Individual Environmental Assessment was not required for the Clarington Transformer Station (TS) Project (Minister's decision). As part of the Minister's decision, Hydro One was required to satisfy six conditions which were to be undertaken as the project proceeded into the detailed design and construction phase. The following is a summary of how Hydro One has satisfied the pre-station construction conditions since filing the Final Environmental Study Report (ESR) on January 16, 2014.

The first condition of approval required the submission of a Groundwater Monitoring Plan to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) Central Region Director for review and approval prior to the start of construction. On March 7, 2014, Hydro One's Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Program ("the Monitoring Program") was submitted to the Central Region Director, and following a review and comment period for MOECC technical staff a revised version of the Monitoring Program was provided to the Central Region Director on Friday, June 13, 2014. In a letter dated June 24, 2014, the Central Region Director approved the Monitoring Program. The approved Monitoring Program has been posted to the Clarington TS project website, and Hydro One will continue to implement the approved Monitoring Program and any proposed amendments will be subject to approval by the MOECC Central Region Director.

The Monitoring Program is meant to be adaptive in nature, such that data collected can be used to further refine the Program, subject to the approval of the MOECC Central Region Director. On October 7, 2014, Hydro One requested that the Central Region Director approve additions to the Monitoring Program. In a letter dated October 17, 2014, the Central Region Director approved these additions.

The second condition of approval required the submission of a Contingency and Pollution Prevention Plan to the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch (EA Branch). On August 19, 2014, Hydro One posted the Clarington TS Emergency Response Plan on its project web page and also submitted it to the MOECC EA Branch. After incorporating comments from the MOECC York/Durham district

staff, Hydro One submitted the revised Contingency and Pollution Prevention Plan for Clarington TS to the MOECC Environmental Approvals Branch on December 12, 2014. In a letter dated December 22, 2014, the MOECC EA Branch stated that the revised Contingency and Pollution Prevention Plan had satisfied Condition 2 of the Minister's decision.

The third condition of approval required the submission of a final Acoustic Assessment Report (AAR) to the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch for review. On January 23, 2015, Hydro One received confirmation from the MOECC Sr. Noise Engineer that the technical review of the Clarington TS AAR has been completed and that the report can be finalized. The final AAR was sent to the MOECC EA Branch Project Evaluator on January 23, 2015 with the expectation that no further amendments will be required to this report subsequent to the issuance of the final Air and Noise Environmental Compliance Approval.

The fourth condition of approval required that the final Acoustic Assessment Report and the final Contingency and Pollution Prevention Plan be posted to the Clarington TS project website upon submission of the ECA application. The final Contingency and Pollution Prevention Plan was posted to the project website on December 12, 2014. The final Acoustic Assessment Report was posted to the project website on January 23, 2015.

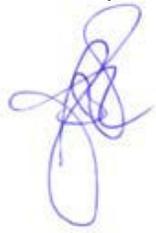
The fifth condition of the approval required the formation of a Community Liaison Committee within six months of the Minister's decision. The Minister's decision also stipulated that representatives of the Enniskillen Environmental Association and members of the public that expressed interest in the project be invited to join the Community Liaison Committee. On May 22, 2014, representatives of the community, including the Enniskillen Environmental Association and individuals having an interest in the project, were issued invitations to participate in the first Community Liaison Committee which was held on June 5, 2014. A subsequent Community Liaison Committee meeting took place on August 19 and a third is planned for early 2015. Notices of Community Liaison Committee meetings have been posted to the project website two weeks prior to the meeting date, and sent to all members.

The sixth condition of the approval requires that the Director of the MOECC Environmental Approvals Branch be notified once conditions one through five have been satisfied.

Hydro One believes that all of the pre-station construction conditions have been fulfilled as written in the Minister's decision. However, we recognize that by their nature, conditions 1 and 5 will require ongoing efforts on the part of Hydro One. Hydro One will continue to execute the approved Monitoring Program and share results with interested parties throughout construction and for two years after Clarington TS has been completed. Hydro One will also continue to hold CLC meetings throughout construction in accordance with the CLC terms of reference.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, or about the Clarington TS project in general, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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