APPENDIX A-3:

Notice of Commencement

Notice of Commencement: First Nations and Metis Communities

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June 15, 2015

Chief Phyllis Williams Curve Lake First Nation 22 Winookeeda Road Curve Lake, ON K0L 1R0

chief@curvelakefn.ca

Dear Chief Williams:

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- Transport Canada (TC).



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Ms. Monique Mousseau Regional Manager, Environment and Engineering Transport Canada 4900 Yonge St, 4th Floor Toronto, ON M2N 6A5

monique.mousseau@tc.gc.ca

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Mr. Bob Stephenson Head, Planning & Design (Highway Engineering) Ministry of Transportation, Central Region 1201 Wilson Avenue, Bldg D, 7th Floor Downsview, ON M3M 1J8

bob.stephenson@ontario.ca

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Grant McGregor City of Pickering

gmcgregor@pickering.ca

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- North Pickering Community Management Inc.;
- Hydro One Networks Inc.,
- Friends of the Seaton Trail
- High Perspective Hang Gliding Port/High Perspective Inc.



June 15, 2015

Jayde Suleman Account Executive Hydro One Networks Inc. 483 Bay St.North Tower 14th Floor Toronto, ON M5G 2P5

Jayde.Suleman@HydroOne.com

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Notice of PIC #1a: Property Owners

Veridian Connections sent a PIC invitation to the Property Owner List shown in appendix A-1 by addressed letter mail. Veridian Connections published the invitation in the Pickering News Advertiser. Examples of the notices are on the following page.

VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Afternoon Session: 2 to 4 p.m. • Evening Session: 6 to 9 p.m. Veridian's Ajax Office, 55 Taunton Rd. E.

SEATON MUNICIPAL TRANSFORMER STATION CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Veridian Connections ("Veridian") has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment ("EA") to evaluate alternative transformer station sites in the City of Pickering. As part of a strategic assessment of future electrical loads in North Pickering, Veridian identified that a new transformer substation would best serve expected new electrical loads.

This Study will identify the effects on the environment for three potential transformer station sites and determine the preferred site. The Study Area and sites under consideration are shown in the Key Map.

The Study is being conducted in accordance with the planning process for a Category 'B' transformer station, subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities as amended, approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.



An important part of the Class EA process includes consultation. Veridian is hosting a Public Information Centre on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 to provide the community with information about the Project, introduce the Project Team and obtain feedback.

To provide comments, request additional information or to be added to the Project Mailing List, please contact one of the following Project Team members:

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- Curve Lake First Nation;
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- Mississaugas of Scugog Island;





September 26, 2016

Chief Phyllis Williams Curve Lake First Nation 22 Winookeeda Road Curve Lake, Ontario K0L 1R0

Re: Update on the Class Environmental Assessment for the Seaton Municipal Transformer Station located in the City of Pickering

Dear Chief Phyllis Williams:

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We welcome your comments and feedback on the Seaton Municipal Transformer Station project at any time during the Class EA process. At your request, we would be pleased to arrange a meeting to gather your input/feedback and to offer a meaningful opportunity to discuss areas of interest and any concerns regarding this project at your request. If you would like to set up a meeting we would be happy to do so at the earliest stage of the project possible.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding this project, please contact:

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Yours truly, Veridian Connections

Hydro One Networks Inc.

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Enclosure: Project Map

Cc: Daniel Charbonneau, Senior Manager, First Nations and Métis Relations, Hydro One Andrew Roberts, Project Manager, Consultant, Veridian Connections Olivera Radinovic, EA Coordinator, Environmental Engineering and Project Support, Hydro One



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- Kawartha Nishnawbe.





September 26, 2016

Chief Jim Bob Marsden Alderville First Nation Roseneath P.O. Box 46 11696 2nd Line Rd Alderville, ON K0K 2X0

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Notice of Commencement and Project Update: Federal Government Agencies

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• Transport Canada.





October 14, 2016

Ms. Monique Mousseau Regional Manager, Environmental and Engineering Transport Canada 4900 Yonge Street, 4th Floor Toronto, ON M2N 6A5

Re: Update on the Class Environmental Assessment for the Seaton Municipal Transformer Station located in the City of Pickering

Dear Ms. Mousseau:

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Enclosure: Project Map

Cc: Farah El Ayoubi, Team Lead, Environmental Engineering and Project Support, Hydro One



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- Joe Dickson, MPP;
- Infrastructure Ontario (IO);
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF);
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC);
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS);
- Ministry of Transportation (MTO);





October 14, 2016

Ms. Kathleen Hedley, Director Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Environmental Approvals Branch 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 7th Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

Re: Update on the Class Environmental Assessment for the Seaton Municipal Transformer Station located in the City of Pickering

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- David Pickles, Councilor;
- City of Pickering;
- Region of Durham.





October 14, 2016

Mr. Grant McGregor Manager, Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability City of Pickering 1 The Esplanade Pickering, ON L1V 6K7

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Catherine Rose, Chief Planner, City of Pickering Farah El Ayoubi, Team Lead, Environmental Engineering and Project Support, Hydro One



Notice of Commencement and Project Update: Potentially Affected and Interested Persons and Interest Groups.

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- Trans-Canada Pipelines Inc.;
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- Friends of the Seaton Trail;
- High Perspective Hang Gliding Port/High Perspective Inc.





October 14, 2016

Mr. Glenn Pitura Engineer Arutip Engineering Limited/Seaton Land Owner Group 10520 Yonge Street Unit 35B, Suite 124 Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3C7

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Cc:

Farah El Ayoubi, Team Lead, Environmental Engineering and Project Support, Hydro One



Notice of PIC #1b: First Nations Communities

Veridian Connections and Hydro One sent a copy of the newspaper invitation to PIC #1b by email to the following First Nations Communities. An example of the invitation is on the following page.

- Curve Lake First Nation;
- Hiawatha First Nation;
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island;
- Alderville First Nation;
- Huron Wendat First Nation;
- Kawartha Nishnawbe.



Seaton Municipal Transformer Station (Seaton MTS)

Learn how Veridian and Hydro One are working together to ensure a safe and reliable supply of power in North Pickering.

In order to meet electricity needs for the growing number of homes and businesses in the area, Veridian has identified that a new municipal transformer station would best serve anticipated demand. In June 2015, Veridian initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate three alternative transformer station sites. To ensure Veridian's new facility has an adequate supply of power, it must be connected to Hydro One's high-voltage transmission system.

As such, Hydro One and Veridian are updating the Class EA Study to plan for the construction of the new station and its connection to Hydro One's system. As shown on the attached map, the revised study will evaluate:

- Three alternative sites for the construction of Seaton MTS
- The associated transmission line route to Hydro One's grid for each station site
- The construction of a tap line to connect the new station to the existing transmission line

This project is subject to the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act* and is being planned in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities* process. Public input and feedback is an important part of our planning process, and we want to hear from you.

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Notice of Completion Draft Environmental Study Report: Potentially Affect and Interested Persons and Interest Groups.

Verdian and Hydro One sent a copy of the Notice of Completion by email to the following Potentially Affect and Interested Persons and Interest Groups. .An example of the notice is on the following page.

- North Pickering Community Management Inc;
- Trans-Canada Pipelines Inc.;
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- Enbridge Gas;
- High Perspective Hang Gliding Port/High Perspective Inc.;
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