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**Atikokan Hydro Inc.**  
**Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation**  
**Fort Frances Power**  
**Hydro One Networks Inc. (Distribution)**  
**Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation**  
**Independent Electricity System Operator**  
**Ontarion Power Authority**  
**Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.**  
**Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.**

This letter is to confirm the discussions regarding the next steps in the Regional Planning process for the Northwest Region.

A conference call was held on February 24, 2014, with participants from Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation, Fort Frances Power, Atikokan Hydro Inc., Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc., Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc., Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation, Hydro One Distribution, OPA, IESO and Hydro One Transmission. The purpose of the call was to inform all participants of the upcoming information gathering phase of the Needs Screening assessment as mandated by the OEB and outlined in the Planning Process Working Group (PPWG) report of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Some participants expressed concerns that information gathering limited to LDCs may be confusing for other stakeholders in the Northwest who are already involved in planning activities led by the OPA because several needs have already been identified. The participants briefly reviewed the planning activities and agreed that the primary objective of the Needs Screening to identify need(s) had been already established in the region.

Accordingly, the participants are recommending that Hydro One will collect LDC specific information and updated load forecasts which will be provided to the OPA to augment the studies in the Scoping Process Phase of the Regional Planning, and consider this

information as part of their assessment to develop its Integrated Regional Resource Plan for the Northwest Ontario Region.

Hydro One looks forward to working with you in executing the new regional planning process. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bing Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bing" and the last name "Young" clearly distinguishable.

Sincerely,

**Bing Young** | Director, Transmission System Development  
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CC: Ajay Garg