

1                   **SHARED SERVICES CAPITAL – TRANSPORT, WORK AND**  
2   **SERVICE EQUIPMENT**

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4           **1.0    INTRODUCTION**

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6    This exhibit identifies the Transport and Work Equipment (“TWE”) and Service  
7    Equipment capital expenditures for the period 2007 to 2012.

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9    TWE and Service Equipment provide vehicle and specialized equipment support to the  
10   growing levels of the transmission and distribution, sustainment, development, and  
11   operations work programs. Some of the high-level activities driving upward pressure on  
12   TWE and Service Equipment capital in 2011 and 2012 are:

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- 14   • The increased focus on the transmission and distribution, capital and OM&A  
15    sustainment and development work programs;
  - 16   • Customer Operations – Additional staffing requirements, driven by the requirements  
17    of the Provincial Lines and Forestry Apprenticeship Programs;
  - 18   • The replacement of core end-of-life Fleet and equipment; and,
  - 19   • Vegetation Management – Hydro One Distribution is proposing increases in  
20    accomplishment levels to move maintenance toward an 8-year cycle. As recently as  
21    2006, maintenance was on a 10-year cycle and efforts to reduce the cycle have been  
22    underway since that time. During this cycle transition, the impact on labour and  
23    equipment resources is significant.

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25           **2.0    TRANSPORT AND WORK EQUIPMENT**

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27    The increase in capital expenditures of \$13.1 million in 2011 as shown in Table 1, is  
28    directly tied to the planned level of activities in the overall work programs, driven by:

1 core Fleet replacement, additional staffing, changes to the Forestry and Provincial Lines  
 2 Apprenticeship Programs, as well as supporting the growing levels of the transmission  
 3 and distribution capital and OM&A sustainment, and development work programs,  
 4 including the initiatives outlined in the Transmission and Distribution Green Energy  
 5 Plans. In 2012, capital expenditures decrease by \$13.9 million as a result of delays to  
 6 fulfilling some of the equipment and staffing requirements, as well as Forestry and  
 7 Provincial Lines Apprenticeship Programs. The majority of these expenditures are  
 8 associated with the Hydro One Distribution business.

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 10 Hydro One has approximately 5,700 units with an original capital value (“OCV”) of \$400  
 11 million. Approximately 500 units are scheduled for replacement. Fleet capital  
 12 requirements are primarily based on industry standards (manufacturer’s  
 13 recommendations) for life cycle expectancy, the remaining capital value, and operating  
 14 cost drivers. Light vehicles are replaced after 6 years or 180,000 km, service trucks are  
 15 replaced after 6 years or 200,000 km, and work equipment is replaced after 8 to 10 years  
 16 or 330,000 km.

17 **Table 1**  
 18 **Capital Expenditures From 2007 – 2012 (\$ Millions)**

| Description       | Historic    |             |             | Bridge      | Test        |             | TX Allocation |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                   | 2007        | 2008        | 2009        | 2010        | 2011        | 2012        | 2011          | 2012        |
| <b>Total Cost</b> | <b>41.1</b> | <b>52.0</b> | <b>46.5</b> | <b>61.0</b> | <b>74.1</b> | <b>60.2</b> | <b>17.8</b>   | <b>14.4</b> |

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 21 The objective of the TWE Replacement Program is to promote an orderly system of  
 22 purchasing and funding a standardized fleet replacement process, to plan for future  
 23 transportation requirements as well as identify the need to increase overall fleet size  
 24 based on staffing requirements. The TWE Replacement Program annually analyzes 5-  
 25 year cycles for capital investment requirements and maintains a safe and efficient fleet. It  
 26 is critical to evaluate and forecast spending requirements to minimize fluctuating  
 27 spending patterns and to stabilize long term capital investment. The fleet capital

1 program, on an annual basis, is evaluated against the business plan and is subject to the  
2 work program prioritization and forecasting process.

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4 Business cases for the program are prepared and approved and the equipment is  
5 strategically procured through a tendering process.

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7 The TWE Replacement Program reviews:

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- 9 • Equipment capital forecast;
  - 10 • Equipment productivity, functionality, and future requirements;
  - 11 • Equipment standards, equipment age, mechanical condition, kilometers traveled and  
12 cost per kilometer, downtime, and repair time;
  - 13 • Safety/risk;
  - 14 • Work programs, evaluating staff and equipment complement;
  - 15 • Tendered procurement process;
  - 16 • Fleet's Original Capital Value and Net Book Value;
  - 17 • Historical and future utilization;
  - 18 • Strategic procurement; and
  - 19 • Cost versus 5-year business plan.
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21 The guidelines for vehicles considered for replacement are based on vehicles meeting  
22 predetermined criteria including, but not limited to: manufacturer's life expectancy,  
23 average cost per kilometer, regulated maintenance standards and safety/risk. Hydro One  
24 takes advantage of discounts by establishing purchasing cycles with manufacturers. As  
25 vehicles reach the targeted criteria, a vehicle maintenance evaluation is performed and, in  
26 some cases, the unit may be reassigned to other functions with "low usage" requirements.

27 The replacement program measures the age and value of the fleet and meets the  
28 requirements and due diligence of a typical utility fleet.

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The benefits of our replacement program include:

- Maximum safety, productivity and utilization;
- Minimum downtime, repair time, and fleet complement;
- Reduced operating costs.

### **2.1 2007 to 2012 Period Analysis**

As noted in Exhibit C1, Tab 4, Schedule 1 (Costing of Work), the overall size of Hydro One Networks Inc.'s fleet was adjusted to approximately 5,700 vehicles and other equipment in 2010 to match the work program requirements. TWE expenditures are forecasted to be \$ 74.1 million in 2011 and \$60.2 million in 2012 based on the number of vehicles and equipment requirements to achieve the planned level of transmission and distribution capital and OM&A, sustainment and development work programs, core end-of-life fleet and equipment replacement, and additional staffing requirements.

The increase in capital requirements in 2008 over 2007 was directly related to the increases in the Forestry and Provincial Lines Apprenticeship Programs in anticipation of regular staff retirements. This will be readjusted when staff complement is right-sized. Of the \$52.0 million, \$7.2 million was required for Provincial Lines to accommodate the increase in work program to offset rental requirements and to support the Lines Apprenticeship Program, and \$4.8 million was directly related to additional large equipment requirements for Forestry in order to facilitate changes in the Apprenticeship Program.

In 2009, the capital expenditure primarily reflects the amount required to maintain core Fleet requirements. Of the \$46.5 million, approximately \$7.0 million was required to

1 support the Forestry and Provincial Lines apprenticeship programs and additional staffing  
2 requirements, and \$37.9 million for core Fleet and equipment replacements. Similarly,  
3 TWE capital expenditure is forecasted to be \$61.0 million in 2010 based on the planned  
4 work program levels (\$37.9 million), additional equipment requirements for the  
5 Provincial Lines and Forestry Apprenticeship Programs and additional staff (\$12.5  
6 million), as well as \$10.6 million for the internal Transmission and Distribution work  
7 requirements to accomplish the initiatives of the Green Energy Act.

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9 In 2011, the forecasted TWE capital expenditures of \$74.1 million includes - \$39.7  
10 million requirements for core Fleet replacements, as well as \$34.4 million towards the  
11 transmission and distribution capital and OM&A, sustainment and development work  
12 activities. In 2012, TWE capital expenditures are forecasted to be \$60.2 million. This  
13 includes \$42.0 million for the core end-of-life Fleet and equipment replacement program,  
14 and \$18.2 million for necessary equipment, and staffing requirements associated with the  
15 Provincial Lines and Forestry Apprenticeship Programs.

## 16 17 **2.2 Capital vs. Operating Leases**

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19 The evaluation of leasing as a financial alternative to the approved capital program has  
20 been evaluated in the past. The evaluation included the review of both capital and  
21 operating leases and the total operating costs. The risks and benefits generated by leasing  
22 were evaluated and it was decided the risks outweighed the modest benefits. The results  
23 therefore indicated that leasing was not cost effective.

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25 The requirement for short term rentals (as distinct from long term rentals) is recognized  
26 and is included with our operating expenses in Exhibit C1, Tab 5, Schedule 1.

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2 **2.3 Procurement Initiatives**

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4 In order to achieve cost reductions over the next five years, Fleet Services follow capital  
5 procurement objectives for material and service acquisitions which include:

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- 7 • Profile the commodities, collect and analyze cost drivers;  
8 • Analyze the supply market;  
9 • Develop a strategy for sourcing;  
10 • Select the suppliers through a rigorous RFP process;  
11 • Conduct negotiations.

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13 These procurement initiatives have allowed Hydro One Networks Inc. to lock in pricing  
14 for 3 year terms with preferred vendors.

1 **2.4 Environmental Management**

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 3 In 2010, Hydro One received a gold rating for environmental management of its fleet.  
 4 Canada's Energy Environment and Excellence Group based their gold rating on the  
 5 reduction of 156,675 KG of carbon dioxide through reduced fleet idling, the tire smart  
 6 campaign, use of hybrids, buying more fuel-efficient vehicles as well as overall reduced  
 7 consumption of gasoline and diesel fuel. All aspects of Hydro One's fleet management  
 8 strategy were reviewed, to ensure the 5,700 pieces of equipment, ranging from ATVs to  
 9 helicopters, operate with green standards in mind.

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 11 **3.0 SERVICE EQUIPMENT**

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 13 Table 2 identifies the expenditures for Service Equipment for the 2007 to 2012 period.

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 15 **Table 2**  
 16 **MFA Service Equipment 2006 – 2011 (\$ Millions)**

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| Description       | Historic   |             |            | Bridge      | Test       |            | TX Allocation |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
|                   | 2007       | 2008        | 2009       | 2010        | 2011       | 2012       | 2011          | 2012       |
| <b>Total Cost</b> | <b>7.9</b> | <b>11.7</b> | <b>6.6</b> | <b>12.0</b> | <b>8.8</b> | <b>5.9</b> | <b>3.8</b>    | <b>2.5</b> |

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 19 Minor fixed assets for service equipment consists of capital items of \$2,000 or more,  
 20 required by Hydro One staff to carry out construction and maintenance work programs.  
 21 Capital items less than \$2,000 are expensed to OM&A. Minor fixed asset expenditures  
 22 for service equipment are required to replace equipment at end of life, replace  
 23 technologically obsolete service equipment when new standards and safer work practices  
 24 come into effect, and provide for sufficient levels of new service equipment consistent  
 25 with work program expansion and increasing staffing levels.

1 Purchases in this category include specialized transportation equipment for off-road work  
2 sites and mobile equipment required to carry out a variety of work.

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4 Specialized transportation equipment used for both Transmission and Distribution  
5 includes items such as all-terrain vehicles, boats, barges, snowmobiles and related  
6 accessories. Generally, Service Equipment largely used for both transmission and  
7 distribution related work includes: mobile cranes, stringing equipment, Schnabel cars,  
8 and float trailers.

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10 Mobile equipment includes oil tankers, de-gassifiers, and dry air machines required for  
11 transformer maintenance, SF6 gas carts required for the maintenance of SF6 breakers,  
12 and a variety of other equipment necessary to analyze, test, and carry out construction  
13 and maintenance associated with the transmission work program.

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15 Capital requirements related to health, safety and the environment have slightly increased  
16 year-over-year. We continue to invest in AED (defibrillator) devices, for example, to  
17 enhance basic life support capability at Hydro One workplaces, including offices and  
18 vehicles.