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Mr. Doug Magee
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Dear Mr. Magee:

Between November 15 and December 17, 2012, I received 56 Part II Order requests from local residents, local environmental groups, 18 school children from a local school and two Members of Provincial Parliament that Hydro one Network Incorporated (Proponent) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed Clarington Transformer Station Class Environment Assessment (Project), located in the Municipality of Clarington.

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that an individual environmental assessment is not required. This decision was made after giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the request, the Project documentation, the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Class Environmental Assessment), and other relevant matters required to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act. The reasons for my decision may be found in the attached letters to the requesters.

Despite my not requiring an individual EA be prepared, in reviewing the requests I noted that there are concerns with respect to this project which do warrant that further studies and consultation be undertaken as the Project proceeds into detail design and construction. Therefore, to ensure that the environment is protected, I am imposing the following conditions on the project:

1. Prior to construction the Proponent shall submit a Groundwater Monitoring Plan to the Regional Director in Central Region for review and approval. The Plan shall be in accordance with the Hydrogeological & Hydrologic Assessment Report prepared for the Project by Stantec (2013) and shall include water level and quality sampling from on-site wells and adjacent private wells in order to document pre and post construction conditions to confirm no impacts. Once approved, the final report shall be posted on the Proponent's website.

2. As part of the Ontario Water Resources Act Application for Sewage Works, the Proponent must submit to the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch a Contingency and Pollution Prevention Plan for the Project in accordance with the ministry's requirements.
3. As part of the Environmental Compliance Approval for noise, the Proponent shall prepare a detailed Acoustic Assessment Report and submit it to the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch for review as part of the application. The Acoustic Assessment Report must document all sources of noise at the facility, as well as any proposed noise control measures, and demonstrate that the Project is capable of operating in compliance with the applicable sound level limits at all affected Points of Reception.
4. For information purposes, the final Acoustic Assessment Report and Contingency and Pollution Prevention Plan shall be posted on the Proponent's website upon submission of the Environmental Compliance Approval application.
- 5.1 The Proponent shall be responsible for the formation of a Community Liaison Committee, should members of the public or other parties be interested in participating. The CLC shall be established by the Proponent within 6 months of the Minister's decision on the Part II Order requests for the Project. The CLC shall be established for the purposes of disseminating and exchanging information and monitoring results relevant to the project during detailed design and construction, and discussing any issues or concerns raised by CLC members.
- 5.2 The Proponents shall invite representative(s) of the Enniskillen Environmental Association and members of the public that expressed interest in the Project. Meetings shall be held as may be required or on an annual basis until Project operation. A notice of the CLC meeting shall be posted on the Proponent's website two weeks prior to the meeting, and sent to all CLC members.
6. Once Conditions 1-5 have been satisfied, the Proponent shall notify the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch.

With this decision having been made, the Proponent can now proceed with the Project, subject to the conditions I have imposed and any other permits or approvals required. The Proponent must ensure the Project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the Project documentation, inclusive of all mitigating measures, and environmental and other provisions therein.

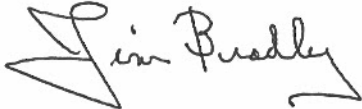
Lastly, I would like to ensure that the Proponent understands that failure to comply with the Act, the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment, and failure to implement the Project in

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the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act.

I am confident that the Proponent recognizes the importance and value of the Act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Bradley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jim Bradley
Minister of the Environment

Attachment(s)

c: Requestors
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EA File EA02-06

