

# First Quarter 2017 Earnings Teleconference

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One of North America's largest electric utilities

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# **Hydro One Limited – First Quarter Financial Summary**



	First Quarter		Full Year			
(\$ millions)	2017	2016	% Change	2016	2015	% Change
Revenue						
Transmission	\$367	\$386	(4.9%)	\$1,584	\$1,536	3.1%
Distribution	1,279	1,286	(0.5%)	4,915	4,949	(0.7%)
Distribution (Net of Purchased Power)	390	390	-	1,488	1,499	(0.7%)
Other	12	14	(14.3%)	53	53	-
Consolidated	1,658	1,686	(1.7%)	6,552	6,538	0.2%
Consolidated (Net of Purchased Power)	769	790	(2.7%)	3,125	3,088	1.2%
Earnings Before Financing Charges and In-	come Taxes (El	BIT)				
Transmission	164	195	(15.9%)	812	748	8.6%
Distribution	153	156	(1.9%)	501	486	3.1%
Other	(14)	(7)	-	(35)	(40)	12.5%
Consolidated	303	344	(11.9)%	1,278	1,194	7.0%
Net Income <sup>1</sup>	167	208	(19.7%)	721	690	4.5%
Basic Adjusted EPS	\$0.28	\$0.35	(20.0%)	\$1.21	\$1.16	4.3%
Diluted Adjusted EPS	\$0.28	\$0.35	(20.0%)	\$1.21	\$1.16	4.3%
Capital Investments	350	379	(7.7%)	1,697	1,663	2.0%
Assets Placed In-Service						
Transmission	82	51	60.8%	937	696	34.6%
Distribution	146	107	36.4%	662	775	(14.6%)
Other	0	3	-	6	5	20.0%
Consolidated	228	161	41.6%	1,605	1,476	8.7%

(1) Net Income is attributable to common shareholders and is after non-controlling interest and dividends to preferred shareholders

# **Common Share Dividend Increase**



Dividend Statistics					
Yield <sup>1</sup>	3.6%				
Annualized Dividend <sup>2,3</sup>	\$0.88 / share				

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on closing share price on March 31, 2017

# **Expected Upcoming Quarterly Dividend Dates<sup>3</sup>**

Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date		
May 3, 2017	June 13, 2017	June 30, 2017		
August 8, 2017	September 12, 2017	September 29, 2017		
November 9, 2017	December 12, 2017	December 29, 2017		

<sup>(3)</sup> All dividend declarations and related dates are subject to Board approval.

# **Key Points**

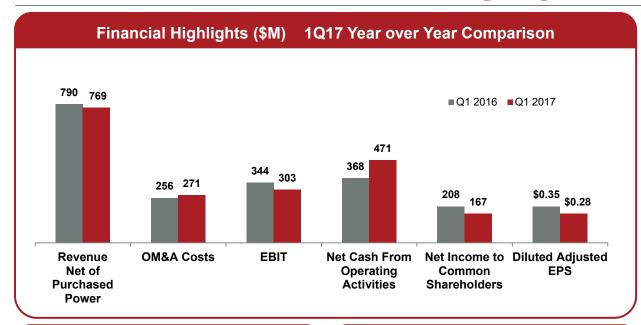
- Quarterly dividend increased 5% to \$0.22 per share (\$0.88 annualized); announced May 4, 2017
- Targeted dividend payout ratio remains at 70% - 80% of net income
- Dividend growth supported by continued rate base expansion driven by planned capital investments
- No equity issuance anticipated to fund planned five year capital investment program
- Non-dilutive dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP) was implemented post IPO (shares purchased on open market, not issued from treasury)

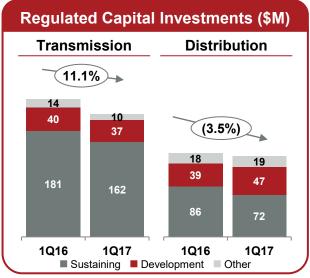
Attractive and growing dividend supported by stable, regulated cash flows and planned rate base growth

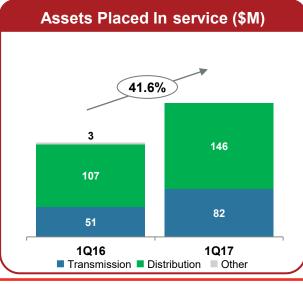
<sup>(2)</sup> Unless indicated otherwise, all common share dividends are designated as "eligible" dividends for the purpose of the Income Tax Act (Canada)

# **2017 First Quarter Financial Highlights**









#### **Key drivers**

- Revenue, net of power costs, for 1Q17 decreased 2.7%:
- Revenue decrease reflects:
  - Lower average Ontario Transmission peak demand and lower Distribution energy consumption due to mild weather;
  - Changes in 2017 allowed regulated ROE from 9.19% to 8.78%
- YoY comparability of operating costs in 1Q17 impacted by:
  - Significant favourable bad debt adjustments in 2016 as customer billing issues stabilized;
  - Expenses from Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie
- 1Q17 results were further offset by:
  - Increase in interest expense due to the terming out of \$950M commercial paper in 4Q16;
  - Front end loaded planning & program implementation costs
- Assets placed in service of \$228 million represent an increase of 41.6% driven by completion of large number of Transmission sustainment projects and the Bolton Operation Center
- Capital Investments decrease of 7.7% YoY primarily reflects in year timing differences

Operational improvements masked by mild weather, formulaic reduction in allowed ROE, bad debt adjustment in prior year and timing of planning related costs

# Regulatory Update



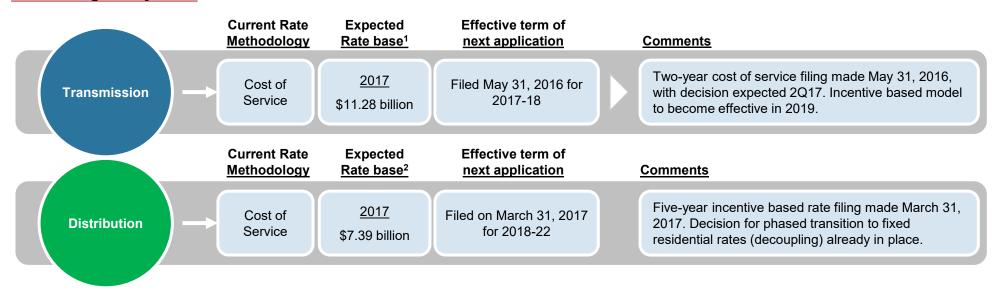
#### 2018 – 2022 Distribution Rate Application

- Filing made March 31, 2017 under the Custom Incentive Rate Making approach
- 2018 is considered "rebasing" year where a cost of service forward test year rate model is applied
- Revenue requirement for ensuing four years determined by i) applying an inflation adjustment, ii) offset by a productivity factor, and iii) adding a capital investment factor (provides for the added revenue requirement to recover planned capital investments)
- OM&A levels across the five year term reflect meaningful efficiency improvements and cost reductions
- 50% of earnings that exceed allowed ROE by more than 100 basis points in any year of the term of the filing shared with customers
- Previously acquired Norfolk, Haldimand and Woodstock are to be brought into rate base in 2021
- The average annual impact on distribution rates over the five year term of the rate application is an increase of 3.7% per annum.

#### 2017 – 2018 Transmission Rate Application

- Filing was made May 31, 2016
- Decision expected late in the first half of 2017, expected retroactive to January 1, 2017

### **Overall Regulatory Scan**



(1)Transmission Rate Base includes 100% of B2M JV rate base and Great Lakes Power. (2) Distribution rate base includes recent acquisitions and Hydro One Remote Communities.

# **Strong Balance Sheet and Liquidity**





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**Commercial Paper** 

Outstanding (Under \$1.5B CP Program)

# Strong Investment Grade Credit Ratings (LT/ST/Outlook)



## **Shelf Registrations**

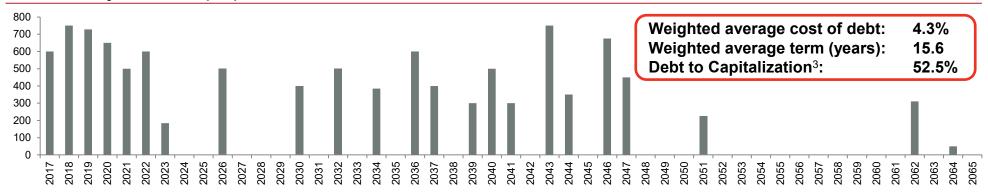
HOL: Universal Shelf<sup>1</sup> \$8B

HOI: Medium Term Note Shelf <sup>2</sup> \$3.5B

### **Debt Maturity Schedule (\$M)**

**Undrawn Credit** 

**Facilities** 



# Investment grade balance sheet with one of lowest debt costs in utility sector

<sup>(1) \$1,970</sup> million was drawn from the Universal Shelf during April 2016 with respect to a secondary share offering by the Province, leaving \$6,030 million remaining available until April 2018.

<sup>(2) \$950</sup> million was drawn from the Medium Term Note Shelf during November 2016, leaving \$1,200 million remaining available until January 2018.

<sup>(3)</sup> Debt to capitalization ratio has been calculated as net debt divided by net debt plus total shareholder's equity, including preferred shares but excluding any amounts related to non-controlling interest.

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