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via email

Mr. Wayne Emerson, Regional Chair and CEO, and Council
Region of York
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Dear Chair Emerson and Members of Council:

Re: Development of a 20-year Electricity Plan for York Region

We are writing to provide you with an update on the development of a 20-year electricity plan for York Region. The purpose of this plan is to identify York Region's electricity needs and ensure an adequate supply of reliable electricity for the next two decades.

A Working Group was formed in 2011 to develop the York Region Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) consisting of Newmarket-Tay Power, PowerStream, Hydro One Networks Inc. and the Independent Electricity System Operator. To assist in the development of the plan, the Working Group met with York Region and Municipal Planners as well as the York Region and Municipal CAOs as part of their monthly meetings in the fall of 2014 to present the findings to date and obtain valuable input to help further develop the plan.

On April 28, 2015, the York Region IRRP will be made available. This plan will be used to update the community on how near-term needs are being met and launch the discussion of how to best address the medium- and long-term needs identified in the plan. To assist in this discussion, an informational webinar will be held this spring to review the plan and the next steps in the development of the long-term options, including the formation of a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) in 2015. The LAC will be asked to provide advice and recommendations on the further development of the plan's medium- and long-term options, as well as how to best engage the broader community in this discussion. The LAC will also be provided with updates on other planning processes and procurements to provide context for the discussion of the regional plan. Detailed information on these next steps will be provided to the Municipal Clerk with the IRRP after April 28.

As background, the IRRP is undertaken in the context of the province's Long-Term Energy Plan, as well as provincial and distribution-level planning. It takes an integrated approach at finding the best ways to address electricity needs including existing resources, conservation, generation, wires and other innovative solutions. The plan provides recommended near-term actions to address near-term electricity

needs as well as options to address medium- and long-term needs. The development of IRRPs is mandated by the Ontario Energy Board, and IRRPs are updated every five years or sooner if needed. The York Region IRRP will be updated as needed to reflect any changes to the electricity needs of the Region and feedback from the community.

The York IRRP Working Group will be available to present the York Region IRRP to Council and/or staff and answer any questions you may have. Information on how to arrange a presentation will be included when the plan is provided to the Municipal Clerk after April 28.

The York IRRP is designed to plan for growth throughout the region to ensure that electricity is reliable and available as needed. We look forward to sharing the plan with you and planning for your future electricity needs together.

Sincerely,



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