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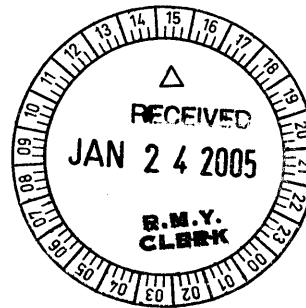
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Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter enclosing a copy of a York Regional Council resolution regarding Hydro One's proposal to upgrade its transmission line supplying northern York Region. Two of the matters raised in the resolution fall within my responsibility and I am pleased to respond.

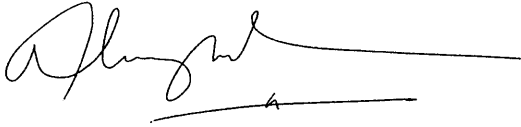
I note the region's support for the distributed generation proposal being developed by the Town of Newmarket. I encourage other municipalities and their local distribution companies to continue to work together on developing alternatives to Hydro One's proposal. As you know, Hydro One will seek leave to construct only if York Region decides that there are no alternatives to transmission and asks Hydro One to proceed.

I also note York Region's support for the Mayor of Markham who recently asked me to direct Hydro One to enter into mediation to deal with outstanding issues and concerns. The adequacy of Hydro One's environmental studies and the consultation process associated with the preparation of its Environmental Studies Report are matters for the Minister of the Environment to decide. Under the Environmental Assessment Act, the Minister of the Environment has the authority to appoint a mediator. I am committed to ensuring the integrity of the environmental assessment process. It is important that this process be allowed to continue and therefore I must defer to the Minister of the Environment.

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Once again, thank you for bringing York Region's concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duncan', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dwight Duncan
Minister

c: The Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of the Environment
Tom Parkinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hydro One Inc.
Cathie-Lynn Ognibene, Corporate Relations, Hydro One Networks Inc.