



July 5, 2004

The Honourable Dwight Duncan
Minister of Energy
900 Bay Street, 4th Floor
Hearst Block
Toronto, ON M7A 2E1

Dear Minister:

Re: Hydro One Electric Power Supply to York Region

The Council of the Regional Municipality of York, at its meeting held on Thursday, June 24, 2004, adopted as amended the recommendations of the Planning and Economic Development Committee with respect to the report entitled "Hydro One Transmission Line Project in York Region".

In so doing, Council adopted the following:

- "4. The following actions be undertaken by Hydro One prior to its determination of a preferred alternative:
 1. Hydro One undertake, as part of the Class Environmental Assessment Process, a fully documented identification and assessment of all possible routes and options for expanded power transmission capacity to northern York Region, including the use of other transmission corridors supplying northern York Region, the use of existing and proposed Ministry of Transportation corridors such as Highway's 404, 400 and future 427, pursuing new corridors on rural lands, undergrounding of system, and other alternatives;
 2. Hydro One, in evaluating all alternatives, give greater consideration to environmental, social and economic impacts on existing and future urban areas and established and future residential communities, including schools adjacent to and in close proximity to the proposed transmission lines, and a lesser consideration to the factor of cost;
 3. Hydro One, in considering any alternatives within existing urban areas, undertake further detailed analysis relating to:

- (a) The criteria set out in Section 41 of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan for the approval of an infrastructure project, such as a new or upgraded transmission line;
 - (b) A full inventory and assessment of natural features and wildlife corridors and functions that would be potentially affected by construction activities and transmission corridor operations and relationship to adjacent urban development;
 - (c) An assessment of the impact of the proposal on the intended use of the Hydro One transmission corridor for future trail system activity linkages within urban areas;
 - (d) An assessment of the visual impact of the power transmission towers in an established urban environment, including an assessment of the potential economic impact on homeowners and the loss of enjoyment of residential yards that are in proximity to the hydro corridors;
 - (e) Review, with Transport Canada, the compliance of tower transmission heights with respect to Transport Canada Airport zoning regulations;
 - (f) Provide information on the effects of electromagnetic fields (EMFs) on human health; disclose the relative EMF strength emanating from the proposed 230 kV line; undertake a health risk assessment of the proposal in relation to adjacent urban land uses, in particular residential uses, schools and parks; and identify mitigating measures that would ensure that any proposed changes in transmission capacity will not increase the public's exposure to EMFs;
- 5. The Regional Chair be requested to arrange meetings with the appropriate Ministers to discuss the issues arising out of the Hydro One proposal;
 - 6. The Regional Medical Officer of Health be requested to comment on the health issues related to EMFs;
 - 7. A meeting be arranged with the impacted municipalities and the Region to discuss a common response to the Hydro One proposal; and
 - 8. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of Council's resolution and all public submissions received by the Region to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, York Region MPPs, the York Region District School Board, the York Region Catholic District School Board, the Independent Electricity Market Operator and to the local municipalities."

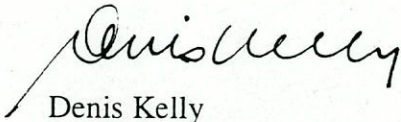
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A copy of the following is enclosed for your information: Regional Council Minute No.147;
Regional Council Minute No. 149 and Clause 4 of Report No. 6 of the Planning and Economic
Development Committee adopted, as amended, by Council.

Please contact Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, at 905-830-
4444, ext. 1500, if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Sincerely,



Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk

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Attachments

Copy to: Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner,
Planning and Development Services

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