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Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
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**Re: Independent Electricity System Operator / Hydro One Networks Inc.
Application for Review of NERC Reliability Standard TPL-007-2
Ontario Energy Board: File No.: EB-2018-0119**

Dear Ms. Walli:

Please be advised that the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) seeks intervenor status in the above-referenced proceeding.

NERC is a not-for-profit international regulatory authority whose mission is to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the North American electric grid. NERC is the electric reliability organization (ERO) for North America, subject to oversight by governmental authorities in Canada and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in the United States. As the ERO, NERC develops and enforces Reliability Standards; annually assesses seasonal and long-term reliability; monitors the bulk power system through system awareness; and educates, trains, and certifies industry personnel. Membership in NERC is free, voluntary, and open to any person or entity with an interest in the reliable operation of the North American bulk power system who submits an application and maintains his or her membership in accordance with NERC's Bylaws.

NERC seeks intervenor status because it developed the Reliability Standard that is the subject of this application, Reliability Standard TPL-007-2 *Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events*. In addition, NERC is in the process of developing a Canada-specific variance to the TPL-007 standard through NERC's standard development process. As such, it has a substantial interest in the conduct of this proceeding. As an intervenor, NERC may submit information and evidence to the Board regarding: (i) the development of, and technical basis for, the TPL-007-2 standard; and (ii) NERC's ongoing efforts to develop the Canada-specific variance to TPL-007.

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NERC submits this request after the time limit directed by the Board due to a misunderstanding regarding NERC's status in this proceeding. NERC intends to participate in a responsible manner and accepts the record developed thus far in this proceeding. NERC does not intend to seek an award of costs.

NERC will participate in English and requests that all written materials be provided to the following individuals in electronic format:

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Sincerely,



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