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Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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Submitted via Regulatory Registry Comments

Re: Proposed Revocation of O. Reg. 326/09: Mandatory Information Re Connections under the Electricity Act, 1998

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd (“Toronto Hydro”) is the local electricity distribution company for the City of Toronto. It has nearly 770,000 customers and delivers about 19% of the electricity consumed in Ontario

On December 15, 2020, the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (“MENDM”) proposed to revoke O. Reg. 326/09, which governs timelines that need to be met and information that needs to be reported by utilities in relation to the connection of renewable generation projects. Revoking this regulation would result in renewable generation projects following the same timelines as other generation types seeking similar connection assessments. The MENDM's proposal aims to reduce regulatory burden and align with initiatives led by the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”), as well as the Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”).

Toronto Hydro supports the MENDM's proposal, and agrees that streamlining the connection process by revoking O.Reg. 326/09 will result in improved operational and regulatory efficiency. In particular, Toronto Hydro echoes the MENDM's determination that matters relating to the connection of renewable generation projects can be appropriately and thoroughly addressed by the OEB, as through the current Distributed Energy Resources (“DER”) Connections Review, in which Toronto Hydro is an active and constructive member of the OEB’s Working Group.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me at any time on any of the aforementioned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew J. Sasso".

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