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Mayor and Councillors
Municipality of South Huron
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November 2, 2018

Re: Wood Pole Replacement of the 115 kilovolt Transmission Structures (Circuit L7S) in your Community

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

I am writing to notify you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to refurbish approximately nine structures along the existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Circuit L7S). The project area is shown on the attached maps.

This project was determined through Hydro One's annual wood pole testing program as some of the wood pole structures on the circuit have reached their end-of-life. Replacing damaged and aging structures will ensure the continued reliability and integrity of this transmission line and electricity supply to the area. Most work will be carried out within the existing transmission corridor, with no new corridor being required. Where possible, access will be accomplished using existing roads and trails. There will be very little noticeable difference in this transmission line after the project has been completed.

This type of project is considered routine maintenance work with relatively minor effects, and is subject to the Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined planning process that has proven effective in ensuring that minor transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place. The Class EA process contains screening provisions that may apply to this project.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA process, the replacement of wood poles may begin as early as January 2019 and be completed by the end of 2020.

Hydro One has notified First Nations and Métis communities of the Class EA project; we will also be notifying property owners adjacent to the work areas.

We welcome your comments and feedback regarding the proposed project. Your input for this project is valued and would be appreciated by November 30, 2018.

As per the request of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, information regarding the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* is included and can be viewed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Christie".

Craig Christie, Community Relations Officer
Hydro One Networks Inc.

Enclosed (2)

cc: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of South Huron

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

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