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Except where otherwise indicated, all information presented herein is as at December 31, 2007.

## DEFINITIONS

For convenience, in this Annual Information Form:

“**CDM**” means conservation and demand management;

“**GTA**” means the Greater Toronto Area;

“**Hydro One**”, “**our company**”, “**we**”, “**us**”, and “**our**” refer to Hydro One Inc. and its subsidiaries and predecessors, except where the context requires otherwise;

“**IESO**” refers to the Independent Electricity System Operator, previously named the Independent Electricity Market Operator;

“**IPSP**” means the Integrated Power System Plan developed by the OPA;

“**Market Rules**” means the rules made under Section 32 of the *Electricity Act, 1998* that are administered by the IESO;

“**NERC**” means the North American Electric Reliability Corporation;

“**OEB**” refers to the Ontario Energy Board;

“**OEFC**” means the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation;

“**OGCC**” means Hydro One’s Ontario Grid Control Centre located in Barrie, Ontario;

“**Ontario**” refers to the Province of Ontario as a geographical area;

“**OPA**” refers to the Ontario Power Authority;

“**OPG**” refers to Ontario Power Generation Inc.;

“**Open Access**” refers to the opening of Ontario’s wholesale and retail electricity markets to competition which officially occurred on May 1, 2002; and

“**Province**” refers to the Government of the Province of Ontario.

## CORPORATE STRUCTURE

Hydro One Inc. was incorporated as Ontario Hydro Services Company Inc. by Articles of Incorporation dated December 1, 1998 under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario). On May 1, 2000, we changed our name to Hydro One Inc.

Our registered office and head office is located at 483 Bay Street, 15th Floor, North Tower, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2P5.

The following are our principal subsidiaries, each of which is wholly-owned by us and is incorporated under the laws of Ontario:

- Hydro One Networks Inc. — carries on all business relating to our ownership, operation and management of electricity transmission and distribution systems and facilities;
- Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. — carries on the business relating to our ownership, operation and management of electricity distribution systems and facilities in Brampton, Ontario;
- Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. — carries on all business relating to our ownership, operation, maintenance and construction of generation and distribution assets used in the supply of electricity to remote communities throughout Northern Ontario; and
- Hydro One Telecom Inc. — carries on all of our business relating to leasing dark fibre and providing lit telecommunications capacity to other telecommunication carriers, large corporations, government, healthcare, and education institutions.

## **FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This Annual Information Form contains, and Hydro One's oral and written public communications often contain, forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the business of Hydro One and the industry in which Hydro One operates and includes beliefs and assumptions made by the management of our company. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the general development of our business; statements about the IPSP; statements about smart meters including costs, cost recovery and deployment and/or implementation plans; the expected impact of CDM programs; statements about our strategy; statements regarding future capital expenditures and our investment plans; statements regarding the reliability of our distribution and transmission systems; expectations regarding load growth and new generation; the expected completion of projects related to interconnection capacity; expectations regarding environmental expenditures and other environmental matters including the need for environmental approvals and assessments; the expected increase in our revenue requirement contribution to Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates; expectations regarding developments in the statutory and operating framework for electricity distribution and transmission in Ontario including changes to codes, licences, rates, rate orders, cost recovery, rates of return and rate structures in both our transmission and distribution businesses and the timing of decisions from the OEB; expectations regarding our strategy for acquisitions or divestitures of distribution assets; expectations regarding workforce demographics; expectations regarding borrowing requirements; the estimated impact of changes in the forecast long-term Government of Canada bond yield (used in determining our regulated rate of return) on our net income; the estimated impact of changes in interest rates on our net income; expectations regarding anticipated expenditures associated with transferring assets located on Indian lands; statements regarding provincial ownership of our transmission corridors; expectations regarding future pension contributions; our expectation regarding our need for the OEFC indemnity associated with the original transfer orders; and legal proceedings in which we are currently involved. Words such as "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "attempt," "may," "plan," "will," "believe," "seek," "estimate," and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and

involve assumptions and risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed, implied or forecasted in such forward-looking statements. Hydro One does not intend, and Hydro One disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

These forward-looking statements are based on a variety of factors and assumptions including, but not limited to: no unforeseen changes in the legislative and operating framework for Ontario's electricity market; favourable decisions from the OEB and other regulatory bodies concerning outstanding rate and other applications; no unforeseen changes in rate orders or rate structures for our distribution and transmission businesses; a stable regulatory environment; and no significant event occurring outside the ordinary course of business. These assumptions are based on information currently available to Hydro One including information obtained by Hydro One from third-party industry analysts. Actual results may differ materially from those predicted by such forward-looking statements. While Hydro One does not know what impact any of these differences may have, its business, results of operations, financial condition and its credit stability may be materially adversely affected. Factors that could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from the results expressed or implied by forward-looking statements include, among other things:

- the risks associated with being controlled by the Province including potential conflicts of interest that may arise between us, the Province and related parties;
- public opposition to and delays or denials of the requisite approvals and accommodations for projects necessary to increase transmission capacity;
- the risks related to our work force demographic and our potential inability to attract and retain qualified personnel;
- the risks associated with being subject to extensive regulation including risks associated with OEB action or inaction;
- regulatory decisions regarding our revenue requirements, cost recovery and rates;
- the potential impact of CDM programs on our load and our revenues;
- the potential impact of not being able to recover all of our project costs associated with the installation of smart meters;
- the risks associated with the execution of our capital and maintenance programs necessary to maintain the performance of our aging asset base;
- the risk to our facilities posed by severe weather conditions, natural disasters or catastrophic events and our limited insurance coverage for losses resulting from these events;
- the risk that we may incur significant costs associated with transferring assets located on Indian lands;

- the inability to negotiate collective agreements consistent with our rate orders or in a timely fashion and the potential for labour disputes;
- the potential for substantial and currently undetermined environmental costs and liabilities;
- the risks associated with maintaining a complex information technology systems infrastructure and transitioning most of our financial and business processes to an integrated business and financial reporting system;
- the potential that we may incur significant expenses to replace some or all of the functions currently outsourced if our agreement with Inergi LP is terminated;
- the impact of the ownership by the Province of lands underlying our transmission system;
- the potential impact of not being able to recover our pension costs;
- the risk that we are not able to arrange sufficient cost effective financing to repay maturing debt and to fund capital expenditures and other obligations;
- the risks associated with changes in interest rates;
- the risks associated with changes in the forecast long-term Government of Canada bond yield;
- the risks of counter-party default on our outstanding derivative contracts; and
- the content of the final IPSP, as approved by the OEB.

Hydro One cautions you that the above list of factors is not exclusive. Some of these and other factors are discussed in more detail under “Risk Factors” in this Annual Information Form. You should review the section entitled “Risk Factors” in detail.

## **GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS**

We are wholly owned by the Province and our transmission and distribution businesses are regulated by the OEB. Our industry, including our company, is governed within the broad legislative framework of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, as amended, and the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, as amended.

Commencing on March 1, 2004, distributors were permitted to start recovering certain distribution regulatory assets in their rates. Accordingly, in January 2004, we filed an application with the OEB for approval of distribution rate adjustments reflecting recovery of these regulatory assets for the period from Open Access to December 31, 2003. Final approval was given by the OEB on December 9, 2004. Based on this final order, we implemented rate adjustments on April 1, 2005 to recover the approved amounts.

### Regulated Price Plan Structure

On April 1, 2005, the OEB implemented a regulated price plan structure for the cost of electricity supplied to low volume and designated customers (“RPP”). The RPP only regulates the commodity price of electricity and does not affect the rates charged for transmission and distribution of electricity and thus has minimal impact on Hydro One. The RPP also introduced seasonal consumption thresholds. For residential customers, the price threshold is 600 kWh per month in the summer and 1,000 kWh per month in the winter. For non-residential customers, the price threshold is 750 kWh per month in both the summer and the winter. A summary of the prices and consumption thresholds set by the RPP are as follows:

<b>Residential Customers Under the RPP</b>		
Winter (Nov. 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007)	Up to 1,000 kWh	5.5 cents
	More than 1,000 kWh	6.4 cents
Summer (May 1, 2007 – Oct. 31, 2007)	Up to 600 kWh	5.3 cents
	More than 600 kWh	6.2 cents
Winter (Nov. 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008)	Up to 1,000 kWh	5.0 cents
	More than 1,000 kWh	5.9 cents
<b>Non-Residential Consumers Under the RPP</b>		
Winter (Nov. 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007)	Up to 750 kWh	5.5 cents
	More than 750 kWh	6.4 cents
Summer (May 1, 2007 – Oct. 31, 2007)	Up to 750 kWh	5.3 cents
	More than 750 kWh	6.2 cents
Winter (Nov. 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008)	Up to 750 kWh	5.0 cents
	More than 750 kWh	5.9 cents

Prices under the RPP are reviewed and are subject to change every six months based on an updated OEB forecast and any accumulated differences between the amount that consumers paid for electricity and the amount paid to generators in the previous period.

### **Ontario Power Authority**

The *Electricity Restructuring Act, 2004* came into force in December 2004 and, among other initiatives, created the OPA. The OPA's mandate is to ensure the adequacy and efficiency of electricity supply in Ontario through planning of electricity supply and demand. See "Regulation – The Statutory and Operating Framework" for further information.

The OPA submitted the IPSP for the period 2008 to 2027 to the OEB for review and approval on August 29, 2007. The scope of the OEB review is to ensure that the IPSP complies with the directive issued to the OPA by the Minister of Energy on June 13, 2006 and to ensure that it is economically prudent and cost effective. The Minister's directive on the IPSP included directions to strengthen the transmission system to enable the achievement of the supply mix goals set out in the directive, to facilitate the development and use of renewable energy resources in parts of the Province where the most significant development opportunities exist, and to promote system efficiency and congestion reduction and to facilitate the integration of new supply consistent with the need to cost-effectively maintain system reliability.

The IPSP is a twenty-year \$60 billion plan with \$46 billion to be spent on new generation, \$10 billion on conservation and \$4 billion on transmission infrastructure.

The OEB may take up to a year to complete its review of the IPSP. After review, the OEB may approve the IPSP or refer it back to the OPA for further consideration and resubmission to the OEB. The IPSP is subject to updating and regulatory review every three years.

### **Smart Meters**

The *Energy Conservation Responsibility Act, 2006* provides the framework for the installation by all electricity distributors of 800,000 smart meters by December 31, 2007 and the installation of smart meters in all homes and small businesses in Ontario by December 31, 2010. Distributors are accountable for the deployment of smart meter infrastructure and related technology for communications to meet "minimum requirements" as defined in the regulations. The Province has now appointed the IESO to be the entity whose mandate includes the storage of all provincial hourly data. Distributors are also expected to be accountable for the implementation of time of use rates that is at present voluntary.

Hydro One Networks Inc.'s proportionate share of the 800,000 smart meters required to be installed by December 31, 2007, was 240,000. This target has been exceeded. Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.'s proportionate share of the 800,000 smart meters required to be installed was 35,000. This target was exceeded. These meters are expected to be capable of measuring and reporting usage over predetermined periods, being read remotely, and, when combined with the systems being provided by the IESO, will be capable of providing customers with access to information about their electricity consumption on a daily basis. Smart meters are regarded by the Province as an integral means of promoting a culture of conservation.



Smart meter activities continue to progress according to plan. The current state of smart meter and communication technology remains somewhat dynamic; however we have been able to complete the majority of testing, including rural applications. Total project costs continue to be significant with planned expenditures in 2008 at approximately \$160 million; however both the financial estimates as well as estimates related to deployment times are subject to potential variation. At the Province's request, we will review our implementation plan and associated costs for the period from 2008 to 2010.

On March 21, 2006, the OEB approved an initial monthly funding rate of \$0.27 per metered customer per month, effective May 1, 2006. Effective May 1, 2007 this rate was increased to \$0.93 per metered customer per month for Hydro One Networks Inc. Effective May 1, 2007, Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.'s smart meter rate was increased to \$0.67 per metered customer per month from \$0.28 per metered customer per month. On August 8, 2007 the OEB issued a decision that allowed us to reduce our net smart meter regulatory asset and record fixed assets.

There may be an opportunity to leverage the smart meter infrastructure for smart network initiatives such as in-home displays, load control, distribution operations automation and mobile technology. The benefits of a smart network will be assessed and included in our future investment plan as appropriate.

### **Conservation and Demand Management**

The Province has established specific targets for CDM and Hydro One's distribution businesses have built expenditures into their plans to meet these targets. In May 2004, the Province authorized local distribution companies, including Hydro One, to apply to the OEB for the third installment of their allowable return on equity beginning March 1, 2005. The Province also indicated that the approval of the OEB would be conditional on a financial commitment to reinvest an amount equal to one year's worth of the incremental returns in CDM initiatives. For Hydro One Networks Inc. and Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc., the total after CDM revenue available was approximately \$42.7 million. Hydro One submitted CDM plans for this full amount to the OEB on January 11, 2005. On February 18, 2005, Hydro One received approval of its CDM plan on behalf of Hydro One Networks Inc. on the condition that, among other things, planned spending on smart meters for 2006 (\$7.1 million) be re-directed to other projects. On November 1, 2005 the revised plan was approved as filed, enabling total expenditures of \$39.5 million. On February 18, 2005, Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.'s plan for \$3.2 million in CDM spending was also approved as filed. On February 2, 2005, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. received interim approval, as requested, for a CDM plan for \$300,000. The OEB requires each distributor to file an annual report including a cost-benefit analysis by March 31 of each year in respect of the results of the previous year. We anticipate that Hydro One Networks Inc.'s expenditures of \$39.5 million will be completed by April 2008 in conformance with the revised plan. Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.'s planned spending is complete.

On July 13, 2006, the Ministry of Energy issued a directive to the OPA regarding the OPA assuming responsibility for organizing the delivery and funding of CDM programs through electricity distributors in Ontario. The directive recognized that distributors have a role as delivery agents for CDM and that funding for their programs should be secure, stable and multi-year.

The directive provides guidance on key funding aspects of CDM for distributors as follows:

1. The OPA will begin organizing the delivery and funding of CDM programs through distributors, with implementation of funding to occur in the earliest practical timeframe.
2. The funding will be limited to a total of \$400 million over three consecutive years.
3. Distributors would contract to deliver programs funded by an OPA-administered distributor fund on a non-competitive basis in their service territory.
4. These funds will not include provisions for smart meters.
5. The OPA should support the OEB in its continuing efforts to reduce barriers to CDM including decreases in revenues due to distributors' conservation programs.

On November 2, 2007, the OPA filed its 2008 Expenditure and Revenue Requirement application with the OEB for approval. Included in this application are the CDM programs intended for implementation by local distribution companies such as Hydro One. The application also seeks approval for recovery of the expenditures for these programs.

#### **Government and OPA Procurement of New Generation**

Over the last few years, the Province and the OPA have sought to procure new generation in Ontario. Hydro One continues to work with successful proponents under various Ontario government and OPA procurements of new generation in Ontario including the Renewables RFPs, the 2,500 MW Clean Energy RFP, the acquisition of new gas generation in the western part of the GTA and downtown Toronto, and the Combined Heat and Power RFP. Hydro One has placed a high priority on connecting these new sources of supply reliably to our distribution system in a timely fashion.

Over 1,500 applications have been submitted to date for assessment of proposed new small renewable generation connections to our distribution system. The application volume has increased in recent months and continues to remain high. Some progress has been made in reducing the backlog of work; however the backlog is also driven by the volume of applications which is beyond our control.

Hydro One has established technical connection requirements and initiated several technical studies in conjunction with universities and manufacturers to ensure additional generation from distributed generators does not have an adverse effect on Hydro One's transmission or distribution network and/or its customers.

Additional procurements by the OPA are likely. Hydro One is working proactively with the Ministry of Energy, the OPA, the OEB and the IESO to develop strategies and processes to address the impact of additional generation on Hydro One's networks. Assessments are continuing to identify necessary transmission and distribution enhancements to achieve the government's renewable generation goals. See "Risk Factors – Risks Associated with Transmission Projects."

## **Electricity Transfer Tax Exemption**

In October 2006, the Province announced that publicly-owned utilities will be exempt from paying the electricity transfer tax when they sell electricity distribution assets to other publicly-owned utilities in Ontario. The normal transfer tax payable is equal to 33% of the fair value of the municipality's interest in electricity assets transferred to another entity. The transfer tax exemption became effective on October 17, 2006 and is to last for two years. The Province indicated that the transfer tax exemption was designed to promote investment and efficiencies among Ontario's publicly-owned electricity utilities. The Province also has lifted the moratorium on the purchase and sale of electricity distribution assets by Hydro One, with the understanding that any future asset purchases or dispositions help further overall efficiency in the sector. We will consider and respond, on a voluntary and commercial basis, to opportunities to purchase or divest distribution assets where they are consistent with our corporate strategy and direction from our shareholder. Our investment plan does not include any funding for acquisitions or divestitures.

## **Agency Review Panel**

The Agency Review Panel ("Panel") was established on January 29, 2007 to review specific issues concerning Hydro One, the IESO, the OPA, OPG and the OEB (collectively, the "Institutions"). The Panel was asked to take an in-depth look at overall compensation for top executives of the Institutions and to report back to the Province on areas where energy sector effectiveness can be further strengthened, including assessments of overlap and duplication between agencies, and whether sufficient steps are being taken to address concerns about potential shortages of skilled workers in the future.

In May 2007 the Panel submitted its report concerning executive compensation at the Institutions. The Minister of Energy subsequently announced that all the recommendations of the Panel were being accepted by the Province and requested us to support the initiative. Hydro One has complied with the relevant recommendations. Some of the key recommendations included:

- Compensation should reflect the mixed commercial and public interest nature of the jobs at these Institutions.
- Using a more appropriate model for setting executive compensation that will result in reduced compensation for top executives at OPG and Hydro One.
- Further enhancing the executive salary disclosure system to make it more accessible and transparent by including the rationale for executive compensation decisions.
- Discouraging the use of perquisites for executives.

With the exception of the enhanced salary disclosure system, the recommendations cited above would apply upon the replacement, at the time of retirement, resignation, or otherwise, of the current incumbents or upon negotiation of new contracts to be entered into at the time of the expiry or renegotiation of the contracts of the current incumbents.

In November 2007 the Panel submitted its report concerning energy sector effectiveness and human resource challenges. The Panel provided several recommendations but found overall that

Ontario's electricity sector and the provincial agencies within it appear to be functioning reasonably well. Key recommendations included:

- Combining the balance of the functions of the OPA with those of the IESO into a combined agency when it seems reasonable to the Minister to do so, but probably not before the OEB has completed its current review of the initial IPSP.
- Hydro One and IESO working together to develop a uniform approach to connection assessments that is consistent with the requirements of the Transmission System Code in order to reduce overlap, duplication and inefficiencies, for the benefit of existing and potential customers.
- Establishing an understanding or protocol among the various ministries and regulatory tribunals to create, on a temporary basis and using existing legislation, a single integrated approvals process for electricity projects based upon existing legislative authorities to ensure the timely consideration of urgent projects set out in the IPSP or otherwise.
- Continuing the independence of Ontario's Chief Energy Conservation Officer to ensure regular reports on Ontario's conservation progress.
- Creating new tools to ensure a continued and growing supply of expertise and skilled workers to meet the needs of Ontario's energy future.
- Continuing to facilitate the consolidation of local distribution companies, which deliver electricity to homes and businesses.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS**

### **Overview**

We are the largest electricity transmission and distribution company in Ontario. We own and operate substantially all of Ontario's electricity transmission system, accounting for approximately 96% of Ontario's transmission capacity as measured by revenues for the year ended December 31, 2007. Our transmission system is one of the largest in North America based on assets as at December 31, 2006. Our distribution system is the largest in Ontario based on assets as at December 31, 2006 and spans approximately 75% of Ontario, serving approximately 1.3 million customers. We have three reportable segments: (1) our transmission business; (2) our distribution business; and (3) our other business.

Our transmission business, which represented approximately \$ 7.27 billion of our total assets of \$ 12.79 billion as at December 31, 2007, transmits electricity through an approximately 28,900 circuit-kilometre high-voltage network. We transmit electricity from generators to our own distribution networks, to 51 local distribution companies and to 61 large industrial customers directly connected to our transmission system. We also own and operate 26 facilities that interconnect our transmission system with systems in neighbouring provinces and states.

Our distribution business, which represented approximately \$ 5.41 billion of our total assets of \$12.79 billion as at December 31, 2007, distributes electricity through our approximately 123,000 circuit-kilometre low-voltage distribution system, to municipalities and to rural areas. Customers of our distribution business include 32 local distribution companies that are not directly connected to our transmission system, 50 large industrial customers and approximately 1.3 million rural and urban customers. Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. is our urban distribution company, serving approximately 126,000 customers in the GTA with approximately 2,700 circuit-kilometres of lines. We also operate through our subsidiary, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc., 18 small, regulated generation and distribution systems in 20 remote communities across Northern Ontario that are not connected to Ontario's electricity grid.

Our other business segment is primarily represented by the operations of Hydro One Telecom Inc. This subsidiary markets dark and lit fibre-optic capacity to telecommunications carriers and commercial customers with broadband network requirements. The assets of this segment constituted approximately \$106 million of our total assets of \$12.79 billion as at December 31, 2007.

The OEB regulates our transmission and distribution businesses and issues rate orders to establish the revenue requirements required to cover the approved costs of these businesses plus a specified rate of return.

## **Recent Developments**

### Change of External Auditor

Following a competitive selection process conducted by our company, KPMG LLP was appointed as the external auditor by the sole shareholder for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, replacing the company's former external auditor, Ernst & Young LLP.

### Hydro One Chair Will Not Seek Reappointment

On December 21, 2007, Rita Burak, Chair of the Board of Directors, announced that she had informed the Minister of Energy that she will not be seeking reappointment in the new year.

### Amendment to By-Law No. 1

On December 13, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the company's amended and re-stated By-Law No. 1 and recommended its confirmation by the Province, as shareholder. The changes to the by-law are largely reflective of recent changes to the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) which came into force on August 1, 2007 with the enactment of Bill 152, as well as to incorporate amendments previously made to the by-law on March 13, 2000 and December 21, 2002. The Province is expected to consider the company's amended and restated By-Law No. 1 on or before the date of our next annual shareholder meeting resolution.

## **Our Strategy**

In 2007, we maintained our strategic focus on our core operations and built upon our accomplishments. Our goals are to be recognized by our customers as their best service provider; by our peers as their benchmark for excellence; and by our shareholder as delivering

superior value. Our aim is to ensure public confidence in Hydro One as stewards of provincial transmission and distribution assets. We seek to achieve these goals by implementing the following strategies:

- *Stewardship*: Retain and build the public trust placed in us to ensure the safe, reliable and efficient delivery of electricity.
- *Safety*: Create and maintain an injury-free workplace with a concentrated focus on eliminating serious injury and “near misses” in high potential harm categories of work
- *Customers*: Become a leading customer-focused company. We intend to maintain our focus and commitment to improving our customers’ level of satisfaction. We strive to strengthen relationships with our large and mid-sized customers, acknowledging their commercial requirements. For residential customers, our key focus is on improving the quality of customer services such as billing, call handling, outage management and meter reading. We also aim to make positive contributions in communities across Ontario through our corporate citizenship programs.
- *Reliability*: Enhance the reliability of our transmission and distribution systems through our productive and cost effective work programs. In transmission, we are proactively developing the system to meet Ontario’s power needs. Within distribution, we are focused on reliability while recognizing the challenges in operating a system with low customer density and vast geography
- *Financial*: Ensure our actions contribute towards maximizing the value of our company, while maintaining effective access to funds on a long-term basis at reasonable rates and delivering appropriate financial returns to our shareholder.
- *Employees*: Manage the challenges of labour demographics by attracting, developing and retaining productive employees.

### *Stewardship*

There are several facets to Hydro One’s stewardship responsibilities. Foremost is to ensure that we are providing safe and reliable delivery of electricity from our generator customers to our customers consuming electricity. We strive to do this efficiently and effectively. We also want to ensure that our investment decisions align with our customers’ needs and the Province’s priorities and direction. In addition, responsible stewardship means we must comply with direction from numerous governing bodies overseeing our operations such as the NERC and the OEB and must comply with the IESO’s Market Rules. We also ensure compliance with legislation and implementation of recommendations received from such bodies as the Auditor General or the Standing Committee of the Legislature of the Province. We also focus effort on ensuring a proper governance function is in place and is complied with. Stewardship also entails us making preparations for sustaining the corporate future such as partnering with universities and other post-secondary institutions to train and develop our future talent pool. Our attention to stewardship ensures we retain and build the public trust, managing the Province’s network assets well now and in the future.

### *Safety*

Given the nature of our work and extreme weather conditions encountered at times, safety is of paramount importance. Our top strategic priority is to eliminate serious injuries and “near misses” that have the potential to cause serious injury. Several existing strategic initiatives that were endorsed in 2007 by our company are expected to continue and a number of existing programs are expected to be strengthened over the planning period in order to achieve and sustain the required cultural change. These initiatives include an increased focus on incident prevention and job planning, a comprehensive health and safety management system, effective management and control programs for hazardous materials and a managed system for follow-up arising from incidents and “near misses.” Our increased focus on safety is expected to enhance productivity while providing a safer work environment.

### *Customers*

We are focused and committed to achieving superior levels of customers satisfaction. For example, we have been actively helping our customers understand the changing industry structure, changes affecting their bills, the increased priorities on CDM, and our role in ensuring adequacy and security of supply.

For our distribution connected residential and seasonal customers, we have maintained the capability and capacity of our call centre to meet customer needs and to provide fast telephone response time and we have also expanded the services offered through our website. We are installing smart meters across Ontario to provide the basis for creating an energy conservation culture and to help customers better manage their electricity use. We provide extensive customer communications to address their information needs by providing our agents with faster access to customer information and reducing the risk of telephone system failure. We utilize our outage response management system to give customers better information on local outage restoration efforts. For our generation customers, we have streamlined, consistent with the requirements of the OEB’s Distribution System Code and Transmission System Code, the processes for connecting new generators to our transmission and distribution systems.

For our mid-size business customers, we assign Field Superintendents to manage the customer relationship. We have found that this local presence has improved our responsiveness to our customers’ needs.

For our large transmission connected industrial customers and local distribution companies, we have a dedicated account executive for each account over 5 MW of load. In addition, we have made a senior member of management available for our largest 35 customers. This gives each of these customers a senior internal contact which we believe fosters an improved relationship.

### *Reliability*

The two prime goals of our transmission and distribution capital program over the next few years are:

- to preserve the performance of our assets and to maintain or replace them in such a manner so as to ensure they continue to function dependably; and

- to invest in new assets required to meet Ontario's power needs.

### Transmission

We are currently in the top quartile in transmission reliability performance in North America for transmission systems of 230 kV and above; however, we recognize and address the need for continuous improvement as comparator utilities continue to improve. Our investment plan is accordingly designed to improve reliability to remain in the top quartile. Transmission system capital expenditures for improving reliability are anticipated to be significant over the 2008 - 2010 period, amounting to approximately \$2.5 billion. These capital expenditures reflect investment under two broad categories: development and sustainment initiatives.

Development initiatives include transmission reinforcements and additions to connect new generation and to enable power from generators (within and external to Ontario) to power consumers within the province. Our investment plan includes transmission projects to accommodate the transfer to market of new supply from nuclear and wind generation, transmission reinforcements to improve supply security in western GTA, Southern Georgian Bay, Woodstock and midtown Toronto, as well as a new interconnection between Ontario and Quebec. These projects support the Province's policy and direction with respect to issues such as generation development, coal fired generation shutdown, or increased ties to neighbouring transmission systems. In addition, these investments respond to the growing needs for increased power supplies by local communities within Ontario.

At the local level, we continue to proactively address the supply needs with our customers to meet their load growth. For projects required to provide reliable supply to communities, the participation and support of the affected local distribution utilities as partners in joint planning studies and throughout the consultation and approval processes continues to be essential. Examples of projects that are under construction to meet the growing needs of our customers include new transmission stations to serve Essex County and Simcoe County, and expansions of transmission stations serving Brampton, Kingston, York Region and Red Lake. In order to meet their future needs, we are in discussions with customers for major transmission expansions and/or new transformer stations in a number of locations including Woodstock, Mississauga, Oshawa and Brampton. In addition, targeted investments in customer delivery point performance, power quality and our 115 kV and 230 kV systems are expected to lead to improved reliability

Our investment plan also includes increased program expenditures for sustainment initiatives to manage the replacement and refurbishment of our aging transmission infrastructure. Increased emphasis is being placed on those transmission assets that are critical to support generation facilities and the unrestricted transmission of energy to our customers. Through targeted component replacement programs such as gas insulated switchgear, air blast circuit breakers, and 750 MVA autotransformers, as well as improved control initiatives to protect against animal contacts, improved performance is anticipated, which should reduce transmission outages and system integrity risks.

In addition, the OPA's IPSP has identified a number of potential transmission projects to enable the development and connection of renewable generation throughout Ontario. In accordance with the IPSP recommendations, Hydro One would be prepared to initiate project development



work for these projects to enable expedited construction once their need is confirmed and all approvals are obtained.

### Distribution

Consistent with our approved 2006 distribution rate applications, capital expenditures for the period 2008 - 2010 for our distribution business are expected to focus on new load connections, trouble calls and storm damage, wood pole replacement, and system capability reinforcement. In response to the Province's initiatives to encourage renewable energy technologies, we are also experiencing increased connection activity and are investigating potential major upgrades to the distribution system to accommodate this new generation. Distribution capital expenditures are focused on maintaining or improving (where it is feasible to do so) system reliability. This is accomplished through investments designed to preserve the performance of our aging distribution base, enhance operational flexibility and prevent equipment failures. Increasing investments are expected to be made within the distribution business, in particular reflecting increased wood pole replacements, feeder sectionalization and defect management. Across Ontario, we are continuing with the replacement of distribution assets that have reached their end-of-life elements, with installations that operate at higher voltage and conform with current-standards. In addition, we expect to continue to construct new lines and stations in response to system growth forecasts or high load relief requirements, and expect to continue our efforts to make the distribution system more efficient

In addition, we are continuing to implement initiatives to improve the reliability performance of our distribution system through improved maintenance and line clearing practices and through improving the operability through continuing the program to install sectionalizers that was started in 2005.

### General

Virtually all of our net income in 2007 was earned from our regulated transmission and distribution businesses, which will remain our principal businesses. We intend to invest in network assets to maintain and reinforce our infrastructure. We expect to focus on our core work programs, making significant investments to improve asset condition, reduce reliability risk and increase customer satisfaction levels.

### *Financial*

We aim to maximize the value of our company while maintaining an effective borrowing capability through stable credit quality and delivering stable financial returns to our shareholder.

We remain committed to understanding and staying abreast of best utility practices in order to execute our business in the most cost effective manner possible.

We believe that cost reductions and productivity improvements can be achieved through the joint management of our transmission and distribution businesses, the Inergi LP outsourcing arrangement pursuant to which we outsourced non-core functions to Inergi LP and the consolidation of our system operations functions. For example, we consolidated our system operations functions, which were previously dispersed across Ontario, into the OGCC while

maintaining a back-up facility in Toronto. This initiative has produced lower costs and better service through the introduction of more technologically sophisticated operating tools.

Annual savings have been achieved in recent years as a consequence of our focus on operational excellence and these savings have largely been re-invested back into our work programs or have offset additional cost pressures. Going forward, we are continuing to focus on capital efficiency and workplace productivity, but additional savings opportunities are fewer, more complex and difficult to achieve.

### *Employees*

We expect to continue to focus initiatives on the attraction and retention of staff and the maintenance and development of the skills and competence of all our employees to foster a productive work environment and to manage the impacts of anticipated retirements.

A strategic goal of ours is to manage the demographics of our workforce, an issue which we are monitoring, as the average age of our work force is over 46 years with approximately 18 years of service. In response to this issue, a comprehensive management development program, as well as a succession planning program, have been implemented. Pursuant to the succession planning program, active recruitment of new employees in key areas is underway. See “Risk Factors – Work Force Demographic Risk.”

## **Our Transmission Business**

### *Overview*

Our transmission system operates at 500 kV, 230 kV and 115 kV and transmits electricity to customers consisting of 51 local distribution companies, our own distribution businesses and 61 large industrial companies that have loads greater than 5 MW. Electricity is also delivered to utilities in other jurisdictions through inter-ties. Electricity is supplied through generator supply contracts, both within and outside Ontario, of which 87 in Ontario are connected directly to the transmission grid. Our transmission system serves over four million customers, directly or indirectly, and transported approximately 152 TWh of energy throughout Ontario in 2007. Revenues from our transmission business accounted for approximately 27% of our total revenues in 2007 and approximately 27% and 30% of our total revenues in each of 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Our transmission system forms an integrated transmission grid that can be divided into two components based on function. The integrated network, or bulk system, operates primarily at 500 kV or 230 kV over relatively long distances and links major sources of generation to transmission stations and larger area load centres. The area supply system operates at 230 kV or 115 kV and links the bulk system to local generators and loads, such as local distribution companies, industrial customers and our own distribution operations. Transformer stations located near load centres step down the high voltage to the level required for retail distribution systems or end-use customers connected directly to our transmission system.

Our transmission system is interconnected with the North American eastern system that is comprised of virtually all of the electric utilities east of the Continental Divide. Our transmission business owns and operates 26 inter-ties at 345 kV, 230 kV, 115 kV and 69 kV levels with New

York (9), Québec (9), Michigan (4), Manitoba (3) and Minnesota (1). Due to the nature of the system, the interconnections with Québec are operated in a radial connection mode where load and/or generation is connected to either the Ontario system or the Québec system at any one time, but not to both simultaneously. This mode of operation is also required for one of the Manitoba interconnections. Through these interconnections, we can accommodate imports of about 4,000 MW and exports of approximately 5,800 MW of electricity. In operation, the actual import and export capabilities may be restricted significantly by limitations within our or another jurisdiction's transmission networks, unscheduled power flows between interconnected systems and local load and generation patterns.

Our transmission system is currently relatively free of restrictions in its ability to supply electricity to major load centres from generating sources located across Ontario. A 500 kV system serves as the transmission "backbone" around the GTA with 500 kV connections to Northern Ontario, Ottawa, London and the major generating facilities in Ontario. As new generation projects are assessed in Ontario, the impact on the transmission system will need to be assessed.

### *Transmission Planning*

Hydro One develops transmission plans for new transmission facilities and for refurbishment and replacement of existing transmission facilities, as required. The plans for new facilities identify proposed equipment, configuration, routing and resulting capacities for network, local area and connection/transformation investments. We consult with customers to determine the need, timing and technical solutions for new connection/transformation facilities. The need for additional network and local area capabilities is determined in consultation with the OPA (which plans future generation and CDM programs) and customers. The longer term transmission plans to enhance network capability are identified formally in the OPA's IPSP. The need for near term and long term solutions may also be highlighted in the reliability reports issued by the IESO. The IESO assesses the system impact of proposed facilities based on requests by Hydro One, as required by the Market Rules. Projects involving new transmission lines longer than 2 kilometres are subject to the OEB's approval. A Transmission Line or Transmission Station as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 116/01 made under the Environmental Assessment Act is subject to the Environmental Screening Process, as defined in the Regulation, and is subject to Class Environmental or full Environmental Assessment approval.

Hydro One's plans to maintain, refurbish or replace existing facilities are developed on the basis of maintenance standards, asset condition assessments and end-of-life criteria specific to each type of equipment. Priorities are assigned to each type of investment based on the risks that it mitigates. These investment plans are also included in our rate filings submitted to the OEB.

### *Transmission Assets*

Our transmission assets can be divided into five functional categories: transmission stations, transmission lines, transmission operations, telecommunication facilities and other transmission assets.

### Transmission Stations

Transmission stations are required to integrate the transmission lines into a network and to transform the voltage of the electricity being transmitted, depending on the voltage requirements of the end user. These stations are frequently located at points at which power from two or more transmission lines can be combined and re-routed in different directions. Their main purpose is to transform voltage and, in most cases, to allow switching capabilities between transmission lines. In some instances, facilities with only switching facilities are required. A majority of our switching stations and a few voltage transformation facilities are located at OPG's facilities.

Transmission stations can be broadly classified into two categories. The first category consists of terminal stations, including switchyards located at OPG's generating facilities, which are used mainly for switching and voltage transformation between the 500 kV, 230 kV, and 115 kV systems. The second category consists of customer supply stations, which are transmission stations that deliver power from the transmission system to wholesale customers. Currently, most transmission stations used for customer supply consist of paired circuits and step-down transformers that are meant to ensure that the failure of any one element will not result in a permanent loss of supply. For smaller or remote loads, a simpler station design with a single transformer or a single circuit is used.

Our transmission system includes 280 transmission stations whose components may include high voltage power transformers, power circuit breakers, high voltage switches, capacitor and reactor banks, protection and control systems, metering and monitoring systems together with site infrastructures such as buildings and security systems.

### Transmission Lines

Our transmission lines are classified into bulk power lines and area supply lines. Bulk power transmission lines are main lines delivering power from generating stations or interconnections to receiving terminal stations. Bulk power transmission lines are part of the integrated transmission network and generally operate at 500 kV or 230 kV, with a few at 115 kV. Area supply lines take power from the transmission network at the receiving stations and transmit it to customer supply transformer stations at customer load centres. The usual voltage levels of area supply lines are 230 kV or 115 kV. All of these lines are overhead except for approximately 275 circuit kilometres of underground cables in urban areas.

The transmission system includes approximately 29,000 circuit kilometres of high voltage lines whose major components consist of cables, wood or steel support structures, foundations, insulators, connecting hardware and grounding systems

### Transmission Operations

All of our transmission assets and much of our distribution assets are monitored, controlled and managed from one location, our OGCC in Barrie, Ontario. At the OGCC, the integrity of our transmission and much of our distribution assets are continually monitored in real time to ensure optimal performance of the network under present and potential contingencies and provide immediate response to our customers. The OGCC is fully supported by onsite customer service, engineering, facilities, training and process staff. The OGCC also coordinates our extensive outage program with the various internal stakeholders and our external customers. Required

outages are assessed and coordinated to minimize their impact on system security and reliability. In addition to the OGCC, there is a fully functional back-up facility located in Toronto. The back-up facility would be staffed in the event of an evacuation of the OGCC. The IESO manages the electricity marketplace and directs the operation of Ontario's integrated transmission network. Since we own and operate the largest portion of this transmission network, we have the responsibility to ensure that the direction from the IESO is safe and optimizes our asset performance and our connection performance to our customers. Accordingly, the OGCC reviews, approves, performs and/or authorizes all switching and control actions of our transmission system assets when directed by the IESO and, independently, when required to ensure public/employee safety and to maintain integrity of our assets and our connected customers.

### Telecommunications Facilities

Our requirements for telecommunications include services for administrative data, voice and power system protection and operation. For power system protection and control as well as voice communications related to control and repair to transmission and distribution assets, reliability and security requirements are very high and must continue to be met during prolonged blackout conditions. These telecommunications are vital to meeting our transmission reliability compliance obligations, ensuring the protection of our assets and ensuring efficient and rapid restoration following contingencies. These requirements are met through the use of a wide range of our own facilities and services acquired from other telecommunications service providers. The reliability and availability of telecommunication services used in the protection and operation of our transmission system are vital to meeting our interconnection obligations, ensuring the protection of our assets and ensuring the reliability of our transmission system. Historically, if telecommunications service providers were not able or willing to provide the required services at an appropriate cost, we installed our own telecommunication facilities. These owned facilities include analogue microwave radio, fibre optic cable, power line carrier and mobile radio systems. The analogue microwave radio system reached the end of its useful life in the first half of this decade and a multi-year program to replace it with a digital fibre-optic and a digital microwave system was completed in 2007.

### Other Transmission Assets

Other assets include those supporting the ongoing maintenance and operation of the transmission system, such as office and service buildings, transportation and work equipment and other office and information technology assets.

### *Projects Relating to Interconnection*

#### Québec

Construction began in December 2006 on a new inter-tie with the Province of Québec that would increase our inter-tie capacity by approximately 1,250 MW. This consists of a new two-circuit 230 kV line between the systems near Ottawa, along with AC-DC-AC conversion facilities in Québec needed to connect the two systems in a continuous manner (currently, load or generation is required to be isolated to either system for import or export). Construction is on schedule and the new facilities are expected to come into service in the spring of 2009

## Michigan

Two of our inter-ties with the State of Michigan have been upgraded with the installation of two, three phase shifting transformers and an autotransformer. The phase shifters were put into operation during emergency situations in 2005 and have been tested weekly since the fall of 2005. This equipment will provide greater control of the Michigan inter-ties to manage power flows across the Ontario-Michigan border and indirectly across the Ontario-New York border. As a result, Ontario's export capacity will be increased by 1,000 MW and our import capacity by 500MW.

An interconnection facilities agreement with Michigan's International Transmission Company (ITC) (the utility to which we are connected by these inter-ties) has been signed and Hydro One and ITC are now finalizing an operating procedure for the phase shifters in conjunction with the IESO. The interconnection facilities agreement will be in force when the interconnection agreement and the interconnection facilities expansion agreement made by Ontario Hydro are terminated, which is anticipated to occur in 2008. Furthermore, full operation of the phase shifters may require additional agreements to be established between the IESO and entities in the United States

Manitoba Hydro One and Manitoba Hydro have supported the continuing efforts by the Ontario and Manitoba governments in the development of the next steps for a Clean Energy Transfer Initiative. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the two governments on October 27, 2005 addressing the process to negotiate potential short and long-term agreements for power purchases by Ontario from Manitoba and the development of associated transmission facilities.

Hydro One and Manitoba Hydro have completed studies and a report on the transmission upgrade. Bringing electricity from the northern region of Manitoba to Ontario's load centres represents an extensive and complex undertaking involving many parties. At present, work on both the shorter-term upgrade and a potential longer term deal and development of a new 1,500 MW high capacity inter-tie is now on hold pending further direction from the Province or the OPA.

*NERC (North American Electric Reliability Corporation) / NPCC (Northeast Power Coordinating Council)*

In North America, standards to improve the reliability and security of the interconnected bulk electric system are developed by the NERC. The United States' Energy Policy Act of 2005 mandated compliance with these standards and assigned the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") as the regulatory agency that will approve and enforce these standards in the United States. Subsequently, FERC approved the establishment of NERC as an Electric Reliability Organization ("ERO"), with responsibility for developing reliability standards, monitoring compliance, assessing non-compliance, and applying sanctions for non-compliance. In 2007, FERC approved the first set of mandatory standards for which compliance and monetary sanctions came into effect on June 18, 2007.

In Ontario, the Market Rules mandate that we comply with the reliability standards established by NERC and NPCC and our transmission licence mandates that we comply with the Market Rules.

### *NERC Readiness Audit*

NERC performed a Readiness Audit (the “Audit”) on our OGCC during 2006. The Audit results recommended that Hydro One implement changes and enhancements to Hydro One’s training program; maintain the current high-priority Hydro One controller NERC-certification process; review and revise interconnection agreements that predate NERC standards and/or the current Transmission System Code; complete the document management system upgrade regarding policies and procedures; and review and revise the backup control center implementation plan to consider transportation requirements for all expected scenarios.

In 2007 Hydro One addressed all of the audit recommendations. There have been continued changes and enhancements to the Hydro One training program, in that all control room controllers, including newly hired controllers-in-training, are NERC certified. The two remaining interconnection agreements have been developed and signed-off and the document management system has been streamlined, complete with a review process for applicable documentation.

### *IESO*

On September 22, 2006, Ontario Regulation 452/06, made under the *Electricity Act, 1998* came into force. The regulation provided that one of the objects of the IESO was to establish and enforce standards and criteria relating to the reliability of transmission systems.

## **Our Distribution Business**

### *Overview*

Our distribution systems provide customers with electricity distribution services through a low voltage distribution network. During 2007, approximately 30 TWh of electricity were delivered through the distribution system to approximately 1.3 million customers located in rural and urban areas (including approximately 126,000 urban retail customers located in Brampton, Ontario). The distribution systems also serve 32 local distribution companies that are not connected directly to our transmission system, another 36 local distribution companies that are connected to our transmission system and 50 customers with loads exceeding 5 MW. The distribution system comprises approximately 123,000 circuit kilometres of lines operating mainly at voltages of 50 kV or less and we own 1,022 distribution and regulating stations together with one transmission station. Our distribution systems distribute electricity from our transmission system and 112 small embedded generators. Unlike the systems found in densely populated areas that are designed to include built-in redundancy, our distribution systems supply mainly rural areas with low population densities. To provide a cost effective service to these areas, the distribution systems are configured as a largely radial system, meaning that they are configured in straight lines, rather than loops, so that an outage at any point along the line causes all customers further down the line to lose power. As a result, component failures require immediate repair or replacement prior to service restoration. Revenues from our distribution businesses accounted for approximately 73% of our total revenues in 2007 and approximately 72% and 70% of our total revenues in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

### *Distribution Assets*

The electricity distribution system is made up of three components: (i) low voltage lines connecting our transmission stations to our distribution stations and to some industrial customers and local distribution companies; (ii) distribution and regulating stations; and (iii) our distribution lines connecting the low voltage side of the distribution stations to industrial, commercial, farm, and residential customers as well as embedded local distribution companies. The three components include equipment such as poles, conductors, transformers, reclosers, protection devices and switches. Other assets include service centres and equipment, such as our transportation fleet, computing equipment and service and construction equipment.

### **Remote Communities**

Through our subsidiary, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc., we operate 18 regulated generation and distribution systems across Northern Ontario which serve 20 remote communities that are not connected to Ontario's electricity grid, the facilities of which are owned either by us or by OEFC. These remote communities include a total of approximately 3,332 customers. Electricity used by these remote communities is produced by 57 installed diesel generators owned by us, which are supplemented by small amounts of wind or hydroelectric generation. Pursuant to Regulation 199/02 under the *Electricity Act, 1998* as later amended by Regulation 454/03, we are required, through one or more of our subsidiaries, to operate and maintain existing generation and distribution assets in, and supply electricity to, these remote communities.

### **Our Telecommunications Business**

Our telecommunications business, which is carried on by our subsidiary, Hydro One Telecom Inc., markets dark and lit fibre optic capacity to telecommunications carriers and commercial customers with broadband network requirements. Hydro One Telecom Inc. leverages its parent company's telecommunications assets and delivers state-of-the-art, broadband telecommunications solutions to carriers, ISPs, and large public and private sector customers.

Hydro One Telecom Inc. is a CRTC-registered, non-dominant, facilities-based carrier, providing broadband telecommunications services in Ontario with connections to Montreal and Buffalo, New York and Detroit, Michigan. Its fibre network spans over 4,000 kilometers.

### **Employees**

At the end of 2007, our Hydro One Networks Inc. subsidiary had 4,298 regular (i.e., permanent) employees comprised of 512 non-represented executive and managerial staff, 3,051 employees represented by the Power Workers' Union and 735 employees represented by the Society of Energy Professionals. In addition, our Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. subsidiary had 49 non-represented regular staff, 103 active employees represented by the Canadian Auto Workers and 43 employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. We also had 1,605 non-regular (i.e., temporary) employees comprised of 9 executive and managerial staff, 766 employees represented by the Power Workers' Union, 90 employees represented by the Society of Energy Professionals and 740 employees represented by a combination of the Canadian Union of Skilled Workers (an electrical trade union) and the 16 construction building trade unions that have collective agreements with the Electrical Power Sector Construction



Association. Hydro One Inc., Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. and Hydro One Telecom Inc. together have approximately 108 employees in total.

In 2005, we negotiated a three-year collective agreement with the Power Workers' Union ("PWU") which will end on March 31, 2008. In early 2008, negotiations began with the PWU. In 2007, we negotiated a five-year collective agreement with the Society of Energy Professionals ("Society") which expires on March 31, 2013. The substantial majority of our employees are represented either by the PWU or Society. Furthermore, in 2005, we negotiated three-year agreements with the Canadian Auto Workers and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Brampton, both of which expire on March 31, 2008. In early 2008 negotiations will take place with both of these unions. A three-year agreement with the Canadian Union of Skilled Workers expires on April 30, 2008. Negotiations will commence with this union in the spring of 2008. See "Risk Factors – Labour Relations Risk."

### **Outsourcing Arrangement with Inergi LP**

Through our subsidiary Hydro One Networks Inc. we entered into an outsourcing services agreement with Inergi LP as of December 28, 2001. The provision of services by Inergi LP commenced on March 1, 2002. Inergi LP is an affiliate of CapGemini Canada Inc. Under the agreement, Inergi LP provides us with customer service operations and settlements, as well as supply management services, pay operations services, enterprise technology and finance and accounting services. As part of the agreement with Inergi LP, 906 of our unionized and non-unionized employees (including 770 regular and 136 non-regular employees) were transferred to Inergi LP on March 1, 2002. Under the agreement, we continue to make available, for use by the transferred employees, the assets used by them prior to the transfer of their employment, with refurbishments as needed.

The agreement has a 10-year term and has base service fees of approximately \$1 billion over the term of the agreement. Fees are subject to decreases based on optional external benchmarking analyses every three years. Cap Gemini Ernst & Young US LLC has provided a financial guarantee, as well as a performance guarantee, of the obligations of Inergi LP. The performance guarantee covers the transition period in the event that the agreement is terminated. The agreement provides for rights of termination for each of the parties, including, on the part of our company, rights of early termination for convenience and upon the occurrence of specified business events. In such cases, we are obliged under the agreement to pay specified termination fees, as well as to contribute to resulting severance and other costs. In addition, upon expiration of the agreement, we have an obligation to contribute to employee severance costs, if any, up to a maximum amount of \$10 million. See "Risk Factor – Risk Associated with Outsourcing Arrangement."

### **Pension Plan**

We established a defined benefit registered pension plan on December 31, 1999. Hydro One Inc. manages and invests the assets and liabilities of the pension fund as plan sponsor and administrator of the plan. As of December 31, 2007, there were 4,300 active members and 7,542 pensioners and disabled and deferred members. In accordance with the requirements of the *Pension Benefits Act* (Ontario), an actuarial valuation prepared as at December 31, 2006 was filed with the Financial Services Commission of Ontario on September 20, 2007. See "Risk Factors – Pension Plan Risk."

Effective December 31, 1999, we established the Hydro One Inc. Supplementary Pension Plan to provide supplementary pension benefits. On October 30, 2001, this plan was amended to require the establishment of a trust for the purpose of creating security for payment of the supplementary pension benefits provided for therein. This trust was constituted as a Retirement Compensation Arrangement under the provisions of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), and security was issued in the form of a letter of credit.

## **Insurance**

We maintain insurance coverage, including liability, all risk property and boiler and machinery insurance. We also maintain other insurance coverage that is required by provincial statute, which covers automobile liability, pesticide liability and aircraft liability. We do not have insurance for damage to our transmission and distribution wires, poles and towers located outside our transmission and distribution stations including damage caused by severe weather, other natural disasters or catastrophic events or for environmental remediation costs. See “Risk Factors – Risk of Natural and Other Unexpected Occurrences.”

## **Environmental**

Although primarily regulated at the provincial level, jurisdiction over the environment is shared by Canadian federal, provincial and local governments. As a result, we are subject to extensive federal, provincial and local regulation relating to the protection of the environment that governs, among other things, environmental assessments, discharges to water and land and the generation, storage, transportation, disposal and release of various hazardous substances. See “Risk Factors – Environmental Risk.”

### *Environmental Management System*

We have an environmental management system designed to identify environmental effects of our operations and facilities and to aid in the continual improvement of our environmental performance. We continually update our environmental management system to reflect organizational changes and progress in achieving our environmental goals.

### *Permits, Licences and Approvals*

We are required to obtain and maintain specified permits and approvals from federal, provincial and local authorities that relate to, among other things, waste disposal, drainage works and discharges to air and water.

A number of electricity projects we undertake or propose may require environmental approvals from the federal government or the use of federal lands, including reserves and other lands subject to the *Indian Act* (Canada), and will be subject to federal environmental assessment. Additional interconnection facilities with neighbouring utilities in other provinces and states require approvals and will be subject to federal regulatory review, which may include environmental assessment. Certain projects will also be subject to the provincial environmental assessment process. A significant number of our existing projects are subject to a streamlined environmental assessment process. The scope, timing and cost of environmental assessments at either the federal or provincial level depend on the type of project and its potential for environmental impact.

### *Releases*

Federal, provincial and municipal environmental legislation operates to regulate the release of substances into the environment through the prohibition of discharges that will or may have an adverse effect on the environment. Spills and leaks of substances occur in the course of our normal operations. We could incur fines or clean-up costs in connection with these releases. Accordingly, we have spill, leak prevention and leak mitigation programs involving the testing, replacement, repair and installation of containment systems including regasketing of transformers and sulphur-hexafluoride filled equipment. In addition, we have an emergency response capability which we believe is sufficient to minimize the environmental impact of spills and to comply with our legal obligations.

### *Hazardous Substances*

We manage a number of hazardous substances, such as polychlorinated biphenyls (“PCBs”), herbicides and wood preservatives. In addition, some facilities have substances present which are designated for special treatment under occupational health and safety legislation such as asbestos, lead and mercury. We have environmental management programs in place to deal with PCBs and herbicides.

We continue to remove equipment containing PCB-contaminated mineral oil from service and send PCB material for decontamination or destruction. Approximately 99% of all power system equipment containing PCBs at concentrations greater than 10,000 parts per million has been removed from service. Oil filled equipment containing PCBs at concentrations greater than 50 parts per million continues to be in service. This includes an estimated 26,000 distribution transformers and 11,000 pieces of power system equipment located inside transmission and distribution stations. PCB-contaminated mineral oil in station transformers and oil circuit breakers continues to be tested and retro filled as part of refurbishment programs. The remaining station equipment (eg. bushings, instrument transformers) typically contains small oil volumes and is replaced via normal attrition.

On November 4, 2006, Environment Canada published new draft regulations governing the management of PCBs. These draft regulations may be finalised in 2008. We have estimated the non-capital expenditures required to comply with these draft regulations to be between \$250 million and \$375 million. If required, most of these additional expenditures would be incurred in the 2013 to 2025 period.

We use herbicides primarily for the control of incompatible vegetation on rights-of-way, along distribution lines and on station sites. We currently use an integrated management approach toward vegetation management using manual and mechanical cutting, together with the selective use of herbicides. Herbicides are applied in accordance with the *Pesticides Act (Ontario)*. As indicated below, the historical use of a herbicide has contaminated some of our properties and some nearby properties.

Wood preservatives are used in wood poles to protect the wood against fungi and insects and thereby extend their service lives. In the past, we have used poles which were impregnated with pentachlorophenol. We respond to contamination problems related to pentachlorophenol migration as they arise.

### *Land Assessment and Remediation*

We have developed a voluntary land assessment and remediation program in order to identify and, where necessary, remediate contamination related to our transmission and distribution stations, service centres and remote generating stations. It involves the systematic identification of any contamination at or from these facilities and, where necessary the development of remediation plans for Hydro One and adjacent private properties. Potential contaminants include insulating oils, substances previously used for vegetation control such as arsenic trioxide, fuel oil, gasoline, PCBs and wood preservatives such as pentachlorophenol. Phase I assessments have been completed for most of the transmission stations, service centres and remote generating stations. Limited Phase I assessments were undertaken at distribution stations given their large number and similar operating history. Site screening involving on-site soil sampling at the areas of greatest potential for contamination have been undertaken at the majority of these sites.

The inventory of land in the program is approximately 1,562 sites. The number of sites where at least one soil or groundwater sample on site was found to be above the Ontario Ministry of the Environment standards (of at least one substance of concern) is 672. We have completed the clean-up of 154 sites, which include sites where underground fuel dispensing/storage tanks were removed. Further work may be required in the event we sell or decommission any of these sites. We have developed a risk-based property ranking system to assist in establishing priorities for Phase II sampling. This system is supplemented with visual inspections of the sites and nearby receptors. Remediation and/or risk management is occurring based on Phase II results and discussions with affected property owners and regulatory authorities. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (at the local and head office level) and local health departments/medical officers of health are actively involved in the program.

Future costs related to the land assessment and remediation program for Hydro One Networks Inc. are currently estimated at approximately \$29.3 million over the next eight years. The estimated expenditure for 2008 is approximately \$9.6 million.

### *Electric and Magnetic Fields*

Electric and magnetic fields exist wherever electricity is used or transmitted, including electric power facilities such as transmission and distribution lines and substations, and within every building in Ontario that has electrical service. National and international health agencies, including the World Health Organization, have reported that the evidence is insufficient to conclude that the low levels of these fields in our communities have adverse effects on peoples' health.<sup>1</sup> Health Canada "does not consider guidelines necessary because the scientific evidence is not strong enough to conclude that typical exposures cause health problems."<sup>2</sup> We sponsor research and monitor national and international developments with respect to electric and magnetic fields. Public exposures to electric and magnetic fields are not currently regulated by

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<sup>1</sup> E.g., World Health Organization (WHO). Electromagnetic Fields and Public Health. Fact sheet N°322 June 2007; Extremely Low Frequency Fields. Environmental Health Criteria, Vol. 238, Geneva, WHO, June 2007.

<sup>2</sup> Health Canada. It's Your Health: Electric and Magnetic Fields at Extremely Low Frequencies. [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/iyh-vsv/environ/magnet\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/iyh-vsv/environ/magnet_e.html)

either the federal or provincial governments and we are not aware of any current plans to regulate public exposures to electric and magnetic fields.

### **Legal Proceedings and Regulatory Actions**

In connection with the reorganization of Ontario Hydro, we have succeeded Ontario Hydro as a party to various pending legal proceedings relating to the businesses, assets, real estate and employees transferred to us. We will also assume responsibility for future claims relating to the businesses, assets, real estate and employees acquired by us and arising out of events occurring prior to, as well as after, April 1, 1999. In addition to claims assumed by us, we are, from time to time, named as a defendant in legal actions arising in the normal course of business. The pending legal proceedings, which include material claims to which we are currently a defendant, are discussed below.

On March 29, 1999 the Whitesand First Nation Band commenced an action in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, naming as defendants the Province, the Attorney General of Canada, Ontario Hydro, OEFC, Ontario Power Generation Inc. and our company. On May 24, 2001, the Whitesand First Nation Band issued an almost identical claim against the same parties. The reason for the second claim is the procedural defence of the Province that proper notice of the first claim was not given under the *Proceedings Against the Crown Act* (Ontario). These actions seek declaratory relief, injunctive relief and damages in an unspecified amount. The Whitesand Band alleges that since at least the first half of the twentieth century, Ontario Hydro has erected dams, generating stations, electrical power lines and other facilities within or affecting the band's traditional lands and that those facilities have caused damage to band members and the lands, including substantial flooding and erosion. The Whitesand Band also claims treaty rights to a share of the profits arising from the activities of these Ontario Hydro facilities, an entitlement to increases in annuity payments established by treaty and for breach of an alleged contract to reimburse the Band for negotiation costs with Ontario Hydro. The Whitesand Band asserts multiple causes of action, including trespass, breach of fiduciary duty, nuisance and negligence. The May 24, 2001 case was consolidated in 2004 with a similar claim by Red Rock First Nation Band which commenced on September 7, 2001, as all procedural issues in both matters were the same. There is now one action in which the claims of both Whitesand and Red Rock are set out. The claims relating to activities of Ontario Hydro (i.e., flooding) are matters for which Ontario Power Generation Inc. would have responsibility pursuant to transfer orders under the *Electricity Act, 1998*. In the consolidated claim, Whitesand and Red Rock seek to tie Hydro One into the flooding allegations on the alleged basis of the integrated nature of the transmission system with the entire electricity system, which includes the method of generating power. To date, Hydro One has not filed a defence. Hydro One believes that it is unlikely that the outcome of this litigation will have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial position or prospects.

### **Health and Safety**

Hydro One considers health and safety to be of paramount importance in the operation of its business and continues to maintain top quartile performance in key areas as well as to develop, implement and maintain progressive programs and initiatives. We are committed to creating and maintaining an injury-free workplace with concentrated focus on the elimination of serious injuries or "near-misses" which have the potential to cause serious injuries. We are developing a number of programs and initiatives for accident prevention and to minimize the risk of injury to

the public associated with our facilities and operations. Policies are in place for both employee health and safety and public safety.

Corporate safety performance indicators and targets have been developed to measure serious incidents, especially those involving high energy levels that have the potential to cause fatalities and very serious injuries. In addition, measures are in place to monitor the days lost as a result of a workplace injury. These indicators are monitored by management and by the Health and Safety Committee of the Board of Directors. Management compensation is tied, in part, to success in achieving annual safety performance targets. An effective early and safe return to work process has allowed us to ensure that, when injuries occur, employees recover and return to the workplace as soon as possible.

Several programs and practices have been implemented to improve our safety performance. Actions currently underway include training programs and support for young workers, including apprentices, preserving core competencies through supervisory selection and reviewing/updating supervisory programs, improving the contracting process so as to ensure clear and consistent standards for work performance, and better understanding of the human decision-making process to improve performance. Work site inspections and a safety rotation/mentoring program involving the major lines of business are also contributing to a safer workplace by identifying hazards, ensuring that proper barriers are in place before work is undertaken, as well as supporting the development and maintenance of a strong safety culture. Our incident investigation process allows us to learn as much as possible from incidents in order to develop improvements to job planning and prevent recurrences. A new Incident and Claims Management tool has been implemented.

Hydro One has integrated the management of health and safety into a single health, safety and environment management system. Effective risk assessment and management are key elements to the successful minimization of risk and safety performance improvement. Within the organization, hazards have been identified and controls implemented to mitigate these risks.

### **The Auditor General of Ontario**

The mandate of the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario (“AG”) was expanded to include conducting audits of entities such as Hydro One as a result of amendments to Ontario’s *Auditor General Act* which came into effect on November 11, 2004. The 2006 Annual Report of the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario (the “Report”) was tabled in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on December 5, 2006. Section 3.07 of the Report contains the results of the first value-for-money audit conducted at Hydro One under the AG’s expanded mandate. All AG recommendations in that Report have been implemented by our company.

## **REGULATION**

### **The Statutory and Operating Framework**

#### *General*

The *Electricity Act, 1998* and the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, as amended from time to time, primarily establish the broad legislative framework for Ontario’s competitive electricity market. The *Electricity Act, 1998* implemented the fundamental principles of the restructuring of

Ontario's electricity industry, enabling the implementation of open non-discriminatory access to transmission and distribution systems. The *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* expanded the jurisdiction and mandate of the OEB to include regulation of the electricity and natural gas markets. Both statutes have been amended several times, as discussed in the sections below.<sup>3</sup>

Since May 1, 2002, the date of Open Access, the prices of electricity in Ontario began to be determined by market forces in the wholesale electricity market administered by the IESO. The IESO is the centralized independent electricity system operator responsible for maintaining the security and reliability of electricity supply in Ontario and for directing the operations of the IESO controlled grid. The IESO itself is licensed by the OEB and funded through fees which are approved by the OEB and levied on all market participants. See "Regulation – Contractual Arrangements, Codes and Licences – Operating Agreement with the IESO."

Market participants may buy and sell electricity from the wholesale spot markets, administered by the IESO. Alternatively, they may contract such transactions with each other, albeit with the obligation to schedule these transactions with the IESO.

Electricity consumers in the retail market also have a choice of suppliers. They may contract with any retailer of their choice or they may continue to be provided with standard supply service by their incumbent distributor. In either case, the distributor is obliged to continue to deliver electricity to them as long as they are connected to that distribution system. See "Regulation – Contractual Arrangements, Codes and Licences – Electricity Industry Codes."

Each distributor, including our company, continues to have an obligation to connect and supply customers in accordance with the *Electricity Act, 1998* and the conditions of its distribution licence and rate orders. On May 1, 2002, we began to provide customers connected to our distribution system who did not choose a competitive retailer (our standard supply customers) with electricity in accordance with the provisions of the OEB's Standard Supply Service Code and the Regulated Price Plan, where applicable. See "Regulation – Contractual Arrangements, Codes and Licences – Electricity Industry Codes."

The OEB provides a framework for the review of electric distribution utilities' revenue requirements so that rates may be re-established based on this historical average or forecasted needs. See "Regulation – Rate Orders and Related Issues for Hydro One's Businesses – Distribution – Current Rate Orders and Distribution Rate Structure" and "Regulation – Rate Orders and Related Issues for Hydro One's Businesses – Distribution – Rate Orders for Remote Communities." Cost allocation issues are being addressed on an ongoing basis by a working group established by the OEB.

The OPA was created by statute in 2005. It is an independent, non-profit corporation which is mandated to:

- assess the adequacy and reliability of electricity resources for the medium and long term;

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<sup>3</sup> Amending statutes include: *Reliable Energy and Consumer Protection Act, 2002 Electricity Pricing, Conservation and Supply Act, 2002, Ontario Energy Board Amendment Act (Electricity Pricing), 2003, Electricity Restructuring Act, 2004 and Ontario Energy Board Consumer Protection and Governance Act, 2003* and the *Energy Conservation Responsibility Act, 2006*.

- forecast future electricity demand and potential for conservation and renewable energy;
- prepare an integrated system plan for generation, transmission and conservation;
- lead the planning and co-ordination of electricity conservation measures through a Conservation Bureau;
- procure new supply, and initiate the development of transmission and demand management programs by competition or by contract; and
- assist the Province in achieving alternative and renewable energy goals.

On July 13, 2006 the Ministry of Energy issued a directive to the OPA regarding the Ministry's decision to have the OPA assume responsibility for organizing the delivery and funding of CDM programs through distributors in Ontario. See "General Development of the Business – Conservation and Demand Management."

The role of electricity distributors has been expanded to permit the undertaking of energy management. The legislation has been amended to promote the expansion of electricity supply and capacity, facilitate load and demand management, encourage conservation and efficiency and regulate prices in parts of the electricity sector.

Changes also arise from the *Energy Conservation Responsibility Act, 2006* which received Royal Assent on March 28, 2006. This provides the framework for the installation of smart meters in all Ontario homes and small businesses by the end of 2010. Under the legislation, a new entity will oversee the communications systems and technologies, collect and manage data, and may facilitate meter procurement. Distributors will own, install, operate and maintain the meters. See "General Development of the Business – Smart Meters."

## **Contractual Arrangements, Codes and Licences**

### *Operating Agreement with the IESO*

Under the *Electricity Act, 1998*, the IESO is required to enter into agreements with transmitters giving it the authority to direct the operations of the transmitters' systems. On June 8, 2001, we signed our 10 year operating agreement with the IESO, which sets out the specific responsibilities of both parties relating to the provision of transmission service. The agreement, among other things, identifies our facilities that will be included in the IESO controlled grid; provides that the IESO will direct the operation of the facilities of our subsidiary, Hydro One Networks Inc.; defines the respective obligations of Hydro One Networks Inc. and the IESO regarding the operation of these facilities; provides for co-ordination between Hydro One Networks Inc. and the IESO of modifications or additions to our transmission facilities; establishes the terms and conditions relating to information sharing and confidentiality, monitoring and telecommunications facilities, and the delineation of accountabilities for protection systems; and addresses issues of liability and indemnification obligations.



By contrast, the distribution portion of Ontario's network is not directed by the IESO and remains subject to the operational control of local distribution companies in accordance with the regulatory framework.

#### *Hydro One's Relationships with Other Market Participants*

Generators, local distribution companies and customers directly connected to our transmission system must enter into agreements with us to ensure reliable connection service in conformity with the Transmission System Code established by the OEB.

Some market participants, such as generators and large load customers embedded within distribution systems, are connected to the wholesale market through lines and facilities that are defined as "distribution" and owned by local distribution companies. At a minimum, under the *Electricity Act, 1998*, local distribution companies must provide non discriminatory access for eligible generators and customers to the wholesale markets administered by the IESO. The local distribution companies must advise the IESO of any conditions in their distribution system that may affect the ability of embedded generators and loads to participate in the broader IESO administered markets.

#### *Electricity Industry Codes*

The OEB has approved the Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters, the Standard Supply Service Code, the Transmission System Code, the Distribution System Code, the Retail Settlement Code and the Electricity Retailer Code of Conduct. These Codes and requirements prescribe minimum standards of conduct and standards of service for transmitters, distributors and retailers in the electricity market.

The Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters establishes the standards and conditions for the interaction between electricity distributors or transmitters and their affiliated companies. Accordingly, our subsidiaries through which we transmit and distribute electricity are subject to this Code. Among its primary purposes, this Code is intended to minimize the potential for a distributor or transmitter to cross subsidize competitive or non monopoly activities.

The Standard Supply Service Code governs the conduct of distributors, including our company, in their provision of standard supply service. Under this Code, a distributor's rates for standard supply service are approved and fixed by the OEB and consist of the price for electricity and an administrative charge which is intended to allow the distributor to cover its costs of providing the service. Our rates for standard supply service were approved by the OEB. As a result of the legislative changes, on April 1, 2005, our prices for standard supply service moved from regulated levels to the levels set in the RPP. On June 16, 2005, a revised Standard Supply Service Code was issued to accommodate these changes. See "Regulation – Rate Orders and Related Issues for Hydro One's Businesses."

Each of the Transmission System Code and the Distribution System Code sets the minimum conditions that a transmitter or distributor, respectively, must meet in carrying out its obligations to transmit or distribute electricity.

The Transmission System Code applies to all transactions and interactions between a transmitter and distributors, generators and consumers of electricity directly connected to the transmission system. On August 20, 2005, the OEB completed a three-year review of the Transmission System Code and related matters, following which it issued a revised Transmission System Code. This revised Transmission System Code implements the OEB's June 2004 decision on principles governing issues relating to transmission system bypass, available capacity, cost responsibility, economic evaluation and contestability. This decision allows customers to build new connections that Hydro One would otherwise have owned and operated. Compensation to Hydro One for acquired or bypassed assets is limited to the asset's net book value. However, existing generation cannot reconnect to cause bypass of transmission tariffs (as this does not support new generation facilities in Ontario). The decision also accepts that rates may be increased as a result of such by-pass. In accordance with the revised Transmission System Code, Hydro One filed its revised connection procedures on August 20, 2006. On September 6, 2007, a decision was rendered by the OEB that in general accepted Hydro One's procedures, but directed some revisions in certain areas pertaining to determination of cost responsibility and to Hydro One's role as a contractor. The final revisions were filed accordingly on December 10, 2007.

The Distribution System Code, which is established by the OEB and which may be amended from time to time by the OEB pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, sets the minimum conditions that a distributor must meet in carrying out its obligations to distribute electricity under its licence and the *Energy Competition Act, 1998*. Unless otherwise stated in the licence or Code, these conditions apply to all transactions and interactions between a distributor and all retailers, generators, distributors, transmitters and consumers of electricity who use the distributor's distribution system. This Code applies to all electricity distributors licensed by the OEB under Part V of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. These entities are obligated to comply with the Code as a condition of their licence. During 2007 two minor amendments to the Distribution System Code became effective. The first amendment, which became effective on January 23, 2007, related to expansions, alternative bids, and enhancements and provide greater clarity regarding the rights and obligations of electricity distributors and customers with respect to distribution system expansions. The second amendment became effective on March 12, 2007 and addressed the timing for the elimination of load transfers between distributors.

The Retail Settlement Code outlines the obligations of a distributor with respect to its relationships with other retail market participants and its role as retail market settlements administrator. The Retail Settlement Code is supported by the Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook to ensure that, subject to credit risk, distributors will not make or lose money in undertaking retail market settlements. In particular, the distributors served by our company's distribution system may have the option of receiving electricity from us rather than purchasing from wholesale market participants. In this event, we would require increased working capital to cover accounts receivable and increased ongoing costs and would expect to recover these costs through our distribution rate order. On April 1, 2005, a revised Retail Settlement Code was issued to reflect the changes required by the RPP structure. See "Regulation – Rate Orders and Related Issues for Hydro One's Businesses."

The Electricity Retailer Code of Conduct sets the minimum standards under which a licensed electricity retailer may retail electricity. Specific requirements may apply for offers made to residential or small business consumers.

### *Electricity Industry Licences*

During 2003, the OEB undertook a review of the licences of all electricity transmitters, distributors and generators in Ontario. The new licences have a 20-year term and incorporate the reporting and record-keeping requirements in accordance with the OEB's Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements. New licences for all of our regulated businesses were issued in 2004.

### *Transmission Licence*

The following are the key conditions of our transmission licence:

- ***Obligation to Enter into Agreement with the IESO*** – We are required to enter into the operating agreement with the IESO, providing for the IESO's direction of the operation of our transmission system. On June 8, 2001, we signed our operating agreement with the IESO. See "Regulation – Contractual Arrangements, Codes and Licences – Operating Agreement with the IESO."
- ***Non-discriminatory Access*** – If a generator, distributor, retailer, wholesaler or customer requests that we convey electricity using our transmission system, subject to capacity constraints, we must make an offer to convey electricity on behalf of the applicant consistent with the applicable Market Rules and the Transmission System Code.
- ***Obligation to Connect*** – We may not refuse an offer to connect to our transmission system which has been made in accordance with the terms of our transmission rate order, the Market Rules and the Transmission System Code unless we are permitted to do so by the OEB, the legislation or any codes, standards or rules with which we are obligated to comply as a condition of our licence. We must respond to a request for connection within 30 business days in compliance with published connection procedures.
- ***Obligation to Maintain System Integrity*** – We must maintain our transmission system to the standards established in our agreement with the IESO, the Market Rules and any other recognized industry operating or planning standard which has been specified by the OEB.
- ***Transmission Rates*** – We may not impose charges for the transmission of electricity or connection to our transmission system except in accordance with our transmission rate order.
- ***Separation of Business Activity*** – Our transmission business must separate its financial records from those of any other business of Hydro One.
- ***Expansion of the Transmission System*** – Construction, expansion or reinforcement of our transmission system is subject to legislation, regulatory approvals, licences, codes and the Market Rules. Either the IESO or the OEB may require us to expand or reinforce our transmission system if it determines that doing so is necessary for the maintenance of security, reliability or integrity of the system. We were required to

and did use our best efforts to expand our inter-tie capacity to neighbouring jurisdictions by 2,000 MW by May 1, 2005. On May 1, 2005, approvals for some projects were in place but there was limited progress on adding capacity. On October 16, 2006, Hydro One Networks Inc. and Hydro-Quebec TransEnergie agreed to construct a new 1250 MW interconnection between Ontario and Quebec. It is scheduled to be in service in the spring of 2009. See “Description of the Business – Our Transmission Business – Projects Relating to Interconnection Capacity.” The OEB has been kept informed of our progress and we have updated the OEB since May 1, 2005 to enable their assessment of our efforts.

- **Information Disclosure** – We are required to maintain records, provide the OEB with information it may require from time to time and inform the OEB of any material change in circumstances no more than 20 days after the date of occurrence.
- **Restrictions on Provision of Information** – We are restricted in our use and disclosure of information pertaining to consumers, retailers, wholesalers and generators. We must obtain consent for disclosure of such information, except in certain specified situations and inform such parties of the conditions under which their information may be disclosed without their consent.

#### *Distribution Licences*

The terms and conditions of our three distribution licences are similar to the terms and conditions of our transmission licence described above. In addition, these licences:

- **Separation of Business Activity** – require the distribution business to keep its financial records separate from those of the transmission business;
- **Distribution Rates** – create an obligation to charge rates in accordance with an order of the OEB and in accordance with the methods or techniques set out in the Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook, the Distribution System Code, the Standard Supply Service Code and the Retail Settlement Code;
- **Code Compliance** – require compliance with the Retail Settlement Code and the Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters;
- **Commodity Rebates** – prescribe the manner by which we must pass through any rebates from OPG to customers; and
- **Obligation to Connect and Serve** – impose the obligation on our distribution business to connect a building to our distribution system under prescribed circumstances, and to sell electricity or ensure electricity is supplied to every person connected to our distribution system, in accordance with our distribution rate orders and the Standard Supply Service Code, and to sell electricity to consumers consistent with the terms and conditions of these instruments.

Hydro One Networks Inc. holds an interim Distribution Licence to serve the community of Cat Lake in Northwestern Ontario. The interim licence was first issued in July 2006 and has been renewed on several occasions for sequential terms of three months each.

## **Rate Orders and Related Issues for Hydro One's Businesses**

The OEB approves both the revenue requirements of and the rates charged by our regulated businesses. The rates are designed to permit our businesses to recover the allowed costs and to earn a specified annual rate of return on our common equity.

The term "utility rate base" refers to the investment in regulated operations (consisting of gross plant in service, less accumulated depreciation, plus necessary working capital and excluding construction work in process). Utility rate base is used to determine the capital structure for our regulated businesses, enabling a determination of approved financing charges and return on common equity for them. In 1999, the OEB approved a deemed capital structure for our regulated businesses of 60% debt with a weighted average cost of approximately 7.7%, 4% preferred equity with a 5.5% dividend rate and 36% common equity.

See "General Development of the Business" for a review of the considerable changes made to the regulation of utility charges since Open Access.

### *Transmission*

#### Current Rate Orders and Review of the Existing Transmission Rate Structure

On October 26, 2005, the OEB initiated a proceeding to review our transmission rates and to approve revenue requirements for 2006, 2007, and 2008. In the first phase of this proceeding, the OEB considered options to track net income excesses or deficiencies from OEB-approved returns for the period from January 1, 2006 until the revised transmission rates were implemented.

On November 23, 2005, we proposed to the OEB an earnings-sharing mechanism that would result in excess or deficient earnings being tracked. On February 21, 2006, the OEB adopted an earnings-sharing mechanism to equally share, between our shareholder and customers, any transmission earnings in excess of the approved rate of return of 9.88% for the period January 1, 2006 until new rates were set. Consequently, 50% of our excess earnings recovered from customers were deferred as a regulatory liability. This decision had the effect of reducing our transmission revenues by \$33 million in 2006.

A decision on Hydro One Networks Inc.'s 2007 and 2008 Transmission Revenue Requirement and Rate Application was delivered on August 16, 2007, which approved:

- Hydro One's Capital and Operations, Maintenance & Administration ("OM&A") expenditures for 2007 and 2008 as requested.
- A deemed regulatory capital structure of 60% debt and 40% equity, as compared to capital structure of 56% debt, 4% preferred equity and 40% common equity requested. The deemed capital structure is the same as previously approved for Hydro One's distribution business.
- A Return on Equity ("ROE") set at 8.35%, as compared to the requested 10% in 2007 and 10.25% in 2008. The OEB is of the view that there is no meaningful difference in risk between distribution and transmission, and accordingly approved an ROE using the same methodology applicable to electricity distributors.

- Expensing the carrying costs associated with the Niagara Reinforcement Project, a \$97 million investment that is being prevented from being put into service and added to rate base due to reasons beyond Hydro One's control.
- Refunding the customer's portion of the 2006 earnings-sharing and the revenue collected under current rates in excess of our revenue requirement for the period from January 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007 (Revenue Difference Deferral Account - RDDA). These revenues are to be refunded to customers over the fourteen month period from November 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008, which is the effective period for the new Uniform Transmission Rates approved by the OEB, as discussed below.
- Allocation of costs to a new wholesale meter service rate pool.

We plan to file a transmission rate application for 2009 and 2010 rates.

On September 26, 2007 Hydro One provided a final response to the OEB on the impacts from the decision on revenue requirement and charge determinants. On September 28, 2007 the OEB issued its final order approving Hydro One's revenue requirements of \$1,156 million and \$1,170 million, for 2007 and 2008 respectively, total deferral account recovery of -\$36.5 million (including -\$28.4 million of earnings-sharing refund) in each of 2007 and 2008, and an RDDA amount of -\$85.3 million. The OEB's final order also approved Hydro One's allocation of the revenue requirement to the transmission rate pools, the charge determinants for those rate pools, and the rate schedule for charging Wholesale Meter Service and Exit Fee.

As part of a joint proceeding involving all transmitters in Ontario, on October 17, 2007 the OEB issued a rate order approving new Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates for implementation on November 1, 2007 through to December 31, 2008. The new rates fully reflect the approved changes to Hydro One's revenue requirement and charge determinants. The new Uniform Transmission Rates are, on average, 12% lower than previously approved rates and should result in approximately a 1% decrease in the average customer's total electricity bill. We anticipate that the OEB will reset Uniform Transmission Rates effective January 1, 2009, after which time Hydro One anticipates its revenue requirement contribution to Uniform Transmission Rates will increase to reflect the full repayment to customers of the Earnings Sharing and RDDA amounts included in the newly approved rates.

Uniform Transmission Rates are based on the fully allocated cost associated with providing each of the following three transmission service elements:

- **Network services** — the transmission network is the integrated part of our high voltage transmission system that is shared by all users and includes all 500 kV facilities, the 230 kV and the 115 kV facilities that can be classified as commonly used;
- **Line connection services** — connection facilities are the radial parts of our high voltage transmission system, which are dedicated to serving a single customer or generator or a group of customers or generators. Transmission line connection

facilities are the radial high voltage transmission lines connecting the transformer to the network; and

- ***Transformation connection services*** — the transformation connection assets consist of the high voltage transformation facilities that step down voltages from transmission levels to distribution levels to supply customers.

In addition, electricity exports from Ontario are levied an export charge for transmission of one dollar per MWh.

### Competition

Under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, any licensed competitor can apply to the OEB for approval to build transmission network facilities in Ontario. The OEB's adoption of the Uniform Transmission Rate reduces the financial incentive for customers to seek alternative transmission.

Customers historically had the option to build and own their own transmission connection facilities and thereby avoid paying our connection charge. Only a few large industrial customers and local distribution companies chose to do so, likely because of the significant costs of construction. Under the new regulatory framework, in addition to avoiding our connection charge, local distribution companies that own their transmission connection facilities can include these assets in their rate base and earn a regulated return. Customers will generally, however, continue to have the option to have their new connection facilities incorporated within our existing transmission transformation and line pools or to build and own their new connection facility. We expect to continue to maintain and restore our existing connection assets, as well as bid on the construction and ownership of new facilities.

### By-pass

By-pass occurs when we have invested in the provision of transmission facilities to a customer which then obtains all or part of its transmission services in another manner or takes action to avoid its use of transmission services before the rates collected have paid for the investment. Recovery of the remaining costs for the stranded facilities then necessitates higher transmission rates from the remaining customers.

In its January 2001 decision respecting transmission rate design and cost allocation, the OEB addressed the issue of by-pass where a load customer installs a generator to serve all or part of its load. The OEB decided that customers would be assessed line and transformation connection charges based on their total demand for electricity, or gross load. However, given the desire to encourage new generation and the growth anticipated in the usage of the network (which would hold us harmless from the effects of stranding), customers would be assessed network charges based on their net load. In effect, customers who generate electricity on-site can save the network charges otherwise applicable to their purchase of electricity generated by third parties. The decision to assess line and transformation connection charges based on gross loads means that on-site generators bear a portion of the costs associated with Ontario's transmission infrastructure, thereby mitigating the potentially negative effect of on-site generation on our transmission business.

Although the January 2001 decision clarified the by-pass situation and the charges to be applied to load customers which install generation, two companies, Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada Limited and CASCO Inc., requested relief from the obligation to pay transmission charges. Despite our opposition, on September 4, 2003, the OEB awarded both companies net load billing on their line connection and network transmission rates with retroactive application to May 1, 2002. Despite having Hydro One refund \$2.8 million in total to the two companies, the OEB disallowed a deferral account to record this amount for future recovery.

In August, 2005, following an extensive consultation process, the OEB issued a revised Transmission System Code, which implements its June 2004 decision on principles relating to transmission by-pass, among other things. See “Regulation – Contractual Arrangements, Codes and Licences – Electricity Industry Codes.”

### Facilities Applications

On November 14, 2006, the OEB issued filing requirements for transmission applications which include filing requirements for leave to construct electricity transmission projects under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. These requirements will be used to ensure a complete review of proposed transmission projects.

On August 29, 2007, the OPA filed their first IPSP with the OEB for approval. In their application, the OPA did not seek to prove the need for any transmission projects, which would have avoided the requirement to have project need approved in a subsequent OEB leave-to-construct proceeding. As a result, transmitters will be required to conduct an environmental assessment, as well as apply to the OEB for leave to construct for all transmission projects of a length greater than two kilometres. Cost recovery of the facility then needs a final approval from the OEB as part of a transmission rate application.

### Transmission Corridors

On June 27, 2002, the Province passed the *Reliable Energy and Consumer Protection Act, 2002* that provided for, among other things, ownership of all transmission corridor and abutting lands to be transferred from us to the Province in exchange for a statutory right to use the lands for transmission and distribution purposes effective December 31, 2002. Certain of these lands have been subsequently transferred back to Hydro One. See “Interests of Management and Others in Material Transactions – Relationship with Province and Other Parties – Transmission Corridors.”

### *Distribution*

#### Current Rate Orders and Distribution Rate Structure

On August 17, 2005, Hydro One filed a Distribution Rate Application seeking approval for a \$160 million increase in the 2006 revenue requirement for our distribution business to a total of \$965 million. An oral hearing commenced in January 2006. On April 12, 2006 the OEB granted full approval of the \$965 million revenue requirement. The return on equity for our distribution business was approved at 9.0%. New rates add approximately 4.8% (\$6.53 per month) to our typical residential customers’ total bill (based upon usage of 1,000 kWh per month). The new rates came into effect on May 1, 2006.



The OEB announced its intention to establish a multi-year distribution rate-setting plan for the years 2007 to 2010. The objectives of the plan are: to provide greater regulatory certainty to distributors during 2007 to 2010 and to begin to drive efficiency improvements in the distribution sector. Accordingly the OEB has a number of generic processes currently underway to achieve their objectives. These processes include:

- **Cost Allocation:** On September 29, 2006, the OEB released a final report on Cost Allocation Review outlining the methodology for distributors to follow in filing with the OEB, for information purposes, a cost allocation study based on the 2006 approved revenue requirement.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Incentive Mechanism and Cost of Capital:** On December 20, 2006 the OEB issued its final report on the cost of capital and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation incentive regulation mechanism including guidelines and filing requirements for the preparation of rate applications for 2007 rates. The recommendations include a formulaic approach to establishing 2007 rates with a rate rebasing approach to be staggered across all Ontario distributors between 2008 and 2010. Rebasing of distribution rates is a critical part of the OEB's multi-year electricity distribution rate setting plan. Hydro One Networks Inc. is among 25 utilities selected for rebasing in 2008.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Mechanism:** On August 2, 2007 the OEB initiated a consultation on the development of the principles and methodology for the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation incentive regulation mechanism. This consultative process will culminate with the issuance of an OEB report, expected in June of 2008, that will be used to adjust electricity distribution rates starting in 2009 for those utilities whose 2008 rates were rebased.

On February 19, 2007 Hydro One Networks Inc. applied for a 2007 rate increase established using the formulaic approach approved for the OEB's 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Incentive Mechanism. The OEB approved a rate increase of 0.457% to Hydro One's distribution rates for 2007 commencing May 1, 2007, which factored in a 1.92% price escalation factor, less a productivity gain of 1%, less the impact of the elimination of the large corporation tax. Hydro One also sought, and was granted approval, for an increase in the rate rider for the implementation of smart meter infrastructure from \$0.27 per metered customer to \$0.93 per metered customer commencing May 1, 2007.

On August 15, 2007 Hydro One Networks Inc. filed the revenue requirement portion of its 2008 cost of service application in accordance with the OEB's multi-year distribution rate-setting plan. Hydro One is seeking approval of a revenue requirement of \$1,067 million for the 2008 test year. The resulting distribution rate increase for the average customer is forecast to be less than 2.5%, on average, over approved 2007 distribution rates as a result of the requested revenue requirement, expiry of historical rate riders to recover costs associated with a prior period, the expiry of interim costs for smart meters, and the recovery of regulatory assets. The requested distribution rate increase amounts to an average increase of less than 1% on the average customer total bill. On December 18, 2007, Hydro One filed the details on its cost allocation and rate design proposals, which included a plan to reduce the number of rate classes for its

customers and consolidate, or harmonize, the rates for its existing rate classes to the new proposed rate classes.

In January 2007, Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. submitted a rate application to the OEB for rates that became effective in May, 2007. This rate application increased distribution rates by 0.49%. The OEB approved the application on April 12, 2007. In addition, Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. requested and received an increase to the Smart Metering rate rider from \$0.28 cents per metered customer per month to \$0.67 cents per metered customer per month. The overall impact of the decision on a typical residential customer's total bill (based upon usage of 1,000 kWh per month), after reductions to the RPP were factored in, is expected to be a decrease of approximately 0.3%.

### Miscellaneous Rate Applications

On May 22, 2007, Hydro One received OEB approval to extend its time-of-use rates pilot initiative originally approved on December 20, 2004 and scheduled to expire on September 30, 2007 to April 30, 2008.

On March 27, 2007, Hydro One received OEB approval to proceed with a Regulated Price Plan time-of-use pilot project involving 500 residential, farm and small general service customers for the period May 1 through September 30, 2007. The pilot studied how customers responded to time-of-use rates and whether real time in-home display monitors will help customers reduce and shift load more effectively. The results of this study will be used for load forecasting, CDM planning and smart meter deployment.

On April 26, 2005, Hydro One received OEB approval for a rate amendment affecting embedded customers connected to the Hydro One low voltage distribution system that are supplied from multiple delivery points at a single transformation station and who pay retail transmission charges. The amendment allows the aggregation of demand for such customers and is intended to align the basis on which they are charged retail transmission rates to with that employed by the IESO in charging transmission rates to wholesale transmission customers supplied from multiple delivery points at a single transformation station. The reduction in charges to customers will be recovered through the retail settlement variance accounts.

On December 20, 2004, the OEB approved Hydro One's time of use rate pilot program, as an aspect of our CDM program. Customers are eligible for these time of use rates if their electricity consumption in the off-peak period is at least twice that during the on-peak period.

### Rate Orders for Remote Communities

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.'s business is exempt from a number of sections of the *Electricity Act, 1998* which relate to the competitive market. For example, we continue to apply bundled rates to customers in remote communities.

### Rural and Remote Rate Protection

In approving electricity rates for a distributor which delivers electricity to rural or remote consumers, the OEB is required to provide rate protection for prescribed classes of consumers,

including those who received rural rate assistance prior to April 1, 1999, by reducing the rates that would otherwise apply.

Since January 1, 2003, the amount of rate reduction for our rural consumers who occupy rural residential premises is \$127 million per year less the specific amounts established for distributors in three former remote communities.

In 2007, our remote customers received a rate reduction in the amount of \$21 million. This amount was set by the OEB according to the rules set out in the regulations under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

Under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, a distributor is entitled to be compensated for lost revenue resulting from the rate protection regime, and all consumers are required to contribute towards the amount of any compensation to the distributors, such as our company, for rate protection. As of May 1, 2002, the amounts required to compensate the distributors were collected by the IESO and paid to us for distribution in accordance with the regulation under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The OEB calculates the charge to be collected by the IESO based upon the latter's forecast of the number of kilowatt-hours of electricity that will be withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid. Hydro One Networks Inc. maintains a variance account to track any surplus or deficit in the amount received from the IESO and from the \$127 million prescribed amount.

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.'s business is run on a break even basis. As a result, any net earnings or loss in the year, including rural and remote rate protection amounts, is deferred in a regulatory variance account for inclusion in the calculation of future customer rates.

### Competition

Under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, there are instances in which it is appropriate for one distributor to transfer its customers to another distributor. The acquiring distributor is required to obtain amendments to its licence authorizing it to serve in a specific area, but not with exclusive distribution rights to it. The OEB convened a generic hearing in December 2003 to determine the principles which will apply to such licence amendment applications. On February 27, 2004, the OEB issued its decision, with clear principles and filing requirements to be followed for service territory amendment applications. To date, on such applications, Hydro One has co-operated with other distributors on a case-by-case basis to determine the most efficient supplier and has not had to contest any such applications.

In July 2005, as a result of three applications by distributors, another generic proceeding was convened by the OEB to determine issues relevant to inter-utility share acquisitions and amalgamations. In a decision issued on August 31, 2005, the OEB decided that the scope of its review of these applications is appropriately dictated by Section 86 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and its objectives as stated. It also decided that reviews of the related transaction processes themselves were beyond its purview.

## **RISK FACTORS**

### **Ownership by the Province**

The Province owns all of our outstanding shares. Accordingly, the Province has the power to determine the composition of our Board of Directors and appoint the Chair, and thus influence our major business and corporate decisions. We and the Province have entered into a shareholder's agreement relating to certain aspects of the governance of our company.

Conflicts of interest may arise between us and the Province as a result of the obligation of the Province to act in the best interests of the residents of Ontario in a broad range of matters, including the regulation of Ontario's electricity industry and environmental matters, any future sale or other transaction by the Province with respect to its ownership interest in our company, the Province's ownership of OPG, and the determination of the amount of dividend or proxy tax payments. We may not be able to resolve any potential conflict with the Province on terms satisfactory to us which would have an adverse impact on our business.

### **Risk Associated with Transmission Projects**

The amount of power which may flow through transmission networks is constrained due to the physical characteristics of transmission lines and operating limitations. Within Ontario, new and expected generation expansions and load growth have increased such that parts of Hydro One's transmission and distribution systems are operating at or near capacity. These constraints or bottlenecks limit the ability of Hydro One's networks to reliably transmit power from new and existing generation sources (including, expanded interconnections with neighbouring utilities) to load centres or meet customers' increasing loads. As a result, investments have been initiated to increase transmission capacity and enable the reliable delivery of power from existing and future generation sources to Ontario consumers.

In many cases, these investments are contingent upon one or more of the following approvals or agreements: (a) environmental approval(s), (b) receipt of OEB approvals which can include expropriation and (c) successful consultation/negotiation with First Nations (which may include accommodation) where traditional lands or lands subject to land claims are involved. Obtaining these approvals/agreements may also be impacted by public opposition to the proposed site of transmission investments, thus there is a risk that necessary approvals may not be obtained in a timely fashion or at all. This will adversely affect transmission reliability and/or our service quality.

### **Work Force Demographic Risk**

More than 20% of our employees will be eligible for retirement by 2008. In some parts of the organization, the risk is much higher. Accordingly, our success will be tied to our ability to attract and retain sufficient qualified staff to replace those retiring. This will be challenging as we expect the skilled labour market for our industry to be highly competitive in the future. In addition, many of our employees possess experience and skills that will also be highly sought after by other organizations both inside and outside the electricity sector. We have already lost a considerable number of management staff, both those in executive positions and those who are logical successors for executive positions, to opportunities in other electricity sector positions across Canada (and, in particular, in Ontario) as well as senior positions outside of the sector.

Moreover, we must also continue to advance our training and apprenticeship programs and succession plans to ensure that our future operational staffing needs will be met. If we are unable to attract and retain qualified personnel, it could have a material adverse effect on our business.

### **Regulatory Risk**

We are subject to regulatory risks, including the approval by the OEB of rates for our transmission and distribution businesses that permit a reasonable opportunity to recover the estimated costs of providing service on a timely basis and earn the approved rates of return.

The OEB approves our transmission and distribution rates based on projected electricity load and consumption levels. If actual load or consumption falls below projected levels, our rate of return for either, or both, of these businesses could be adversely affected. Also, our current revenue requirements for these businesses are based on cost assumptions that may not materialize. There is no assurance that the OEB would allow rate increases sufficient to offset unfavourable financial impacts from unanticipated changes in electricity demand or in our costs.

Our load could also be negatively impacted by successful CDM programs. Current requirements for CDM call for a 5% reduction in Ontario's projected peak electricity demand by 2010. These expectations are factored into our revenue requirements for OEB approval, to ensure that the targeted CDM accomplishments do not result in deteriorated revenues. There is a risk that our revenues would be reduced if these targets are exceeded. The OEB has recognized the need to compensate utilities for such lost revenue, but the approach, level and timing of any such compensation mechanism is yet to be determined. We are also subject to risk of revenue loss from other factors. For example recent revisions to the OEB's Transmission System Code have resulted in customers gaining the right to bypass some of our transformation facilities by constructing their own assets (under certain conditions) and compensating us by paying the net book value of bypassed assets as well as costs of removal and environmental remediation. This code revision could result in significant future revenue loss to our transmission business.

As a transmitter, we expect to make significant investment in the coming years in large-scale transmission infrastructure projects, and to connect new third-party load and generation assets. Additionally, there is always the possibility that we could incur unexpected capital expenditures to maintain or improve our assets. The risk exists that the OEB may not allow full recovery of such investments. To the extent possible, we try to mitigate this risk by seeking from the regulator clear policy direction on cost responsibility, and pre-approval of the need for capital expenditures.

The Province has passed regulations authorizing us, as a distributor, to procure smart meters but we are only currently authorized to recover \$0.93 per metered customer per month of the associated costs in rates. While we expect all of our expenditures to be fully recoverable after OEB review, any future regulatory decision to disallow or limit the recovery of such costs would lead to potential impairment and charges to operations.

## **Asset Condition**

Hydro One continually monitors the condition of its assets and maintains, refurbishes or replaces them to provide reliable service quality and to satisfy customer needs. Capital and maintenance programs have been increased to maintain the performance of our aging asset base; however execution of these plans is dependent on external factors. For example, opportunities to remove equipment from service to accommodate construction and maintenance are becoming increasingly limited due to growing loads. Lead times for material and equipment have also increased substantially due to increased demand and limited vendor capability.

If we are unable to carry out these plans, in a timely and optimal manner, the reliability of the provincial grid, our ability to deliver sufficient electricity and/or customer supply security may be compromised and the costs of operating and maintaining these assets will increase. This could have an adverse impact on our company.

## **Risk of Natural and Other Unexpected Occurrences**

Our facilities are exposed to the effects of severe weather conditions, natural disasters and, potentially, catastrophic events, such as a major accident or incident at a facility of a third party (such as a generating plant) to which our transmission or distribution assets are connected. Although constructed, operated and maintained to industry standards, our facilities may not withstand occurrences of this type in all circumstances. We do not have insurance for damage to our transmission and distribution wires, poles and towers located outside our transmission and distribution stations resulting from these events. Losses from lost revenues and repair costs could be substantial, especially for many of our facilities that are located in remote areas. We could also be subject to claims for damages caused by our failure to transmit or distribute electricity. Our risk is partly mitigated because our transmission system is designed and operated to withstand the loss of any major element and possess inherent redundancy (e.g. several interconnections with utilities in other provinces and the United States) that provides alternate means to deliver large amounts of power. In the event of a large uninsured loss we would apply to the OEB for recovery of such loss, however, there can be no assurance that the OEB would approve any such applications, in whole or in part, which could have a material adverse effect on our net income.

## **Risk from Transfer of Assets Located on Indian Lands**

The transfer orders by which we acquired certain of Ontario Hydro's businesses as of April 1, 1999 did not transfer title to some assets located on lands held for bands or bodies of Indians under the *Indian Act* (Canada). See "Interest of Management and Others in Material Transactions – Relationships with the Province and Other Parties – Transfer Orders." Currently, OEFC holds these assets. Under the terms of the transfer orders, we are required to manage these assets until we have obtained all consents necessary to complete the transfer of title of these assets to us. We cannot predict the aggregate amount that we may have to pay, either on an annual or one-time basis, to obtain the required consents. However, we anticipate having to pay more than the approximately \$900,000 per year that we currently are paying to these Indian bands and bodies. If we cannot obtain consents from the Indian bands and bodies, OEFC will continue to hold these assets for an indefinite period of time. If we cannot reach a satisfactory settlement, we may have to relocate these assets from the Indian lands to other locations at a cost that could be substantial or, in a limited number of cases, to abandon a line and replace it with

diesel generation facilities. The costs relating to these assets could have a material adverse effect on our net income if we are not able to recover them in future rate orders.

### **Labour Relations Risk**

The substantial majority of our employees are represented by either the PWU or the Society. Over the past several years, significant effort has been expended to increase our flexibility to conduct operations in a more cost efficient manner. Although we believe that we have achieved improved flexibility in our collective agreements, including a reduction in pension benefits similar to a previous reduction affecting management staff, we may not be able to achieve further improvement. The existing collective agreements with the PWU will expire on March 31, 2008. The Society collective agreement was recently renewed and now expires on March 31, 2013.. We face financial risks related to our ability to negotiate collective agreements consistent with our rate orders. In addition, in the event of a labour dispute, we could face some degree of operational risk related to continued compliance with our licence requirements of providing service to customers.

### **Environmental Risk**

We are subject to extensive Canadian federal, provincial and municipal environmental regulation. Failure to comply could subject us to fines and other penalties. In addition, the presence or release of hazardous or other substances could lead to claims by third parties and/or governmental orders requiring us to take specific actions such as investigating, controlling and remediating the effects of these substances. We are currently undertaking a voluntary land assessment and remediation program covering most of our stations and service centres. It involves the systematic identification of any contamination at or from these facilities, and, where necessary, the development of remediation plans for our company and adjacent private properties. Any contamination on our properties could limit our ability to sell these assets in the future.

There is also risk associated with obtaining governmental approvals, permits, or renewals of existing approvals and permits related to constructing or operating facilities. This may require environmental assessment or result in the imposition of conditions, or both, which could mean delays and cost increases.

Future changes in environmental regulations may result in material changes to our estimates of future expenditures to complete this work. On November 4, 2006, Environment Canada published new draft regulations, governing the management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). These draft regulations may be finalized in 2008. We have estimated the non-capital expenditures for complying with these draft regulations to be between \$250 million and \$375 million which are in excess of amounts we have already recorded as environmental liabilities on our balance sheet. If required, most of these additional expenditures would be incurred in the 2013 to 2025 period. No obligation has been recorded in the financial statements for these increased expenditures due to continued uncertainty regarding the timing and content of the final regulations. In any case, actual future environmental expenditures may vary materially from the estimates used in the calculation of the environmental liabilities on our balance sheet. We do not have insurance coverage for these environmental expenditures.

Scientists and public health experts have been studying the possibility that exposure to electric and magnetic fields emanating from power lines and other electric sources may cause health problems. If it were to be concluded that electric and magnetic fields present a health risk, we could face litigation, be required to take costly mitigation measures such as relocating some of our facilities or experience difficulties in locating and building new facilities.

### **Risk Associated with Information Technology Infrastructure**

Our ability to operate effectively in the Ontario electricity market is in part dependent upon us developing, maintaining and managing a complex information technology systems infrastructure. Computer systems are employed to operate our transmission and distribution facilities, financial and billing systems, and business systems to capture data and to produce timely and accurate information. We are working to transition most of our financial and business processes to an integrated business and financial reporting system. The conversion of these systems and processes may expose us to risk, including risks associated with maintaining internal controls, as the data and business processes are transitioned and new systems are brought online. Failures of our financial, business and operating systems could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition or prospects.

### **Risk Associated with Outsourcing Arrangement**

Consistent with our strategy of reducing operating costs, we entered into an outsourcing services agreement in 2002 with Inergi LP, an affiliate of CapGemini Canada Inc. See “Description of the Business – Outsourcing Arrangement with Inergi LP.” If the agreement with Inergi LP is terminated for any reason, we could be required to incur significant expenses to re-establish all or some of the functions involved, which could have a material adverse effect on our net income.

### **Risk from Provincial Ownership of Transmission Corridors**

Pursuant to the *Reliable Energy and Consumer Protection Act, 2002*, the Province acquired ownership of our transmission corridor lands underlying our transmission system. Although we have the statutory right to use the transmission corridors, we may be limited in our ability to expand our systems. Also, other uses of the transmission corridors by third parties in conjunction with the operation of our systems may increase safety or environmental risks.

### **Pension Plan Risk**

We have a defined benefit registered pension plan for the majority of our employees. Contributions to the pension plan are established by actuarial valuations which are filed with the Financial Services Commission of Ontario on a tri-annual basis. The most recently filed valuation was prepared as at December 31, 2006 and was filed in September 2007. Our annual pension contributions for the three year period 2007 to 2009 will be approximately \$94 million per year. The next valuation is required to be prepared as at December 31, 2009. The required level of contributions effective January 1, 2007 will depend on future investment returns, changes in benefits or actuarial assumptions. Pension contributions beyond 2009 are not estimable at this time. A determination by the OEB that some of our pension expenditures are not recoverable from customers would have a negative impact on our company.



### **Risk Associated with Arranging Debt Financing**

We expect to borrow to repay our existing indebtedness and fund capital expenditures. We have substantial amounts of existing debt which mature between 2008 and 2011, including \$540 million maturing in 2008 and \$400 million maturing in 2009. We also plan to incur total capital expenditures of approximately \$1.4 billion in 2008 and \$1.6 billion in 2009. Cash generated from operations, after the payment of expected dividends, will not be sufficient to fund the repayment of our existing indebtedness and capital expenditures. Our ability to arrange sufficient and cost effective debt financing could be adversely affected by numerous factors, including the regulatory environment in Ontario, our results of operations and financial position, market conditions, the ratings assigned to our debt securities by credit rating agencies and general economic conditions. Any failure or inability on our part to borrow substantial amounts of debt on satisfactory terms could impair our ability to repay maturing debt, fund capital expenditures and meet other obligations and requirements and, as a result, could have a material adverse effect on our company.

### **Market and Credit Risk**

Market risk refers primarily to the risk of loss that results from changes in commodity prices, foreign exchange rates and interest rates. We do not have commodity risk and our foreign exchange risk is currently insignificant, although we could in future decide to issue foreign currency denominated debt. We are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates as our regulated Rate of Return (ROE) is derived using a formulaic approach which is in part based on the forecast for long-term Government of Canada bond yields. We estimate that a one percent decrease in the forecast long-term Government of Canada bond yield used in determining our ROE would reduce our transmission business net income by approximately \$20 million and our distribution business net income by approximately \$13 million. Our net income is adversely impacted by rising interest rates as our maturing long-term debt is refinanced at market rates. We periodically utilize interest rate swap agreements to mitigate elements of interest rate risk. We estimate that a one percent increase in interest rates on the refinancing of long-term debt maturing in 2008 and 2009 would reduce net income by approximately \$1 million and \$4 million respectively.

Financial assets create a risk that a counter-party will fail to discharge an obligation, causing a financial loss. Derivative financial instruments result in exposure to credit risk, since there is a risk of counter-party default. We monitor and minimize credit risk through various techniques, including dealing with highly-rated counter-parties, limiting total exposure levels with individual counter-parties, and by entering into master agreements which enable net settlement. We do not trade in any energy derivatives. We do, however, have interest rate swap contracts outstanding from time to time. Currently, there are no significant concentrations of credit risk with respect to any class of financial assets. We are required to procure electricity on behalf of competitive retailers and embedded local distribution companies for resale to their customers. The resulting concentrations of credit risk are mitigated through the use of various security arrangements, including letters of credit, which are incorporated into our service agreements with these retailers in accordance with the OEB's Retail Settlements Code.

### **DIVIDENDS**

Dividends on our common shares and Series A preferred shares are declared at the discretion of our Board of Directors, and are recommended by our management based on our results of

operations, financial condition, cash requirements and other relevant factors, such as industry practice and shareholder expectations.

Our company's policy is to declare and pay cash dividends on our common shares on the basis of a calculation involving our regulated net income net of preferred dividends and non-regulated net income. Any factor that adversely affects our company's net income would likely be reflected in our dividend payments.

We declared and paid to the Province annual dividends on our outstanding 100,000 common shares totalling \$307 million in 2007 as compared with \$332 million in 2006 and \$273 million in 2005. We declared and paid to the Province a total annual cumulative dividend on our outstanding 12,920,000 series A preferred shares of approximately \$18 million in each of 2007, 2006 and 2005, which was calculated at a rate of \$1.375 per annum per share, as stipulated in our company's Articles of Incorporation. In addition, we made payments in lieu of taxes ("PILS") to the Province in the amount of approximately \$230 million.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

### *General Description of Capital Structure*

The authorized share capital of our company consists of an unlimited number of common shares (the voting shares of our company) and an unlimited number of preferred shares. As at December 31, 2007, 100,000 common shares and 12,920,000 series A preferred shares are issued and outstanding, all of which are owned directly by the Province.

All of our company's voting securities are held by the Province. Accordingly, our company is controlled by the Province.

The common shares are not redeemable or retractable. Holders of our common shares are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the shareholders of the common shares and to receive dividends if, as, and when declared by the Board of Directors of our company. Holders of common shares are also entitled to participate, pro rata to their holding of common shares, in any distribution of the assets of our company upon its liquidation, dissolution or winding-up. The series A preferred shares, as set forth in our Articles of Incorporation, entitle our company to redeem all or any part of these shares subject to certain terms and conditions as set forth therein. These series A preferred shares are entitled to a dividend at a rate of \$1.375 per annum per share.

Our company has not issued any restricted securities.

## **CREDIT RATINGS**

Our company's corporate credit ratings from approved rating organizations are as follows:

<b>Rating Agency</b>	<b>Short-term Debt</b>	<b>Long-term Debt</b>
Standard & Poor's Rating Services ("S&P")	A-1	A
DBRS Limited ("DBRS")	R-1 (middle)	A (high)

Rating Agency	Short-term Debt	Long-term Debt
Moody's Investors Services Inc. ("Moody's")	Prime-1	Aa3

The following information relating to credit ratings is based on information made available to the public by the rating agencies.

Credit ratings are intended to provide investors with an independent measure of the credit quality of an issue of securities. The rating agencies rate long-term debt instruments by rating categories ranging from a high of "AAA" to a low of "D" ("C" in the case of Moody's). Long-term debt instruments which are rated in the A category by S&P mean the obligor has a strong capacity to meet its financial commitments but are considered somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments and obligations is still strong. S&P utilizes a plus or a minus modifier to indicate the relative standing within the rating category. Long-term debt instruments which are rated in the A category by DBRS are considered to be of a satisfactory credit quality, with substantial protection of interest and principal. Entities in the "A" category, however, are considered to be more susceptible to adverse economic conditions and have greater cyclical tendencies than higher-rated securities. The "high" modifier indicates relative standing within this rating category by DBRS. Long-term debt instruments which are rated in the Aa category by Moody's are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk. Moody's applies numerical modifiers to each generic rating classification from Aa to Caa. The modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

The ratings mentioned above are not a recommendation to purchase, sell or hold our company's debt securities and do not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor. There can be no assurance that the ratings will remain in effect for any given period of time or that the ratings will not be revised or withdrawn entirely by any or all of S&P, DBRS and Moody's at any time in the future if in their judgment circumstances so warrant.

## MARKET FOR SECURITIES

Our Debentures (7.15%) due 2010, Debentures (7.35%) due 2030, Series 1 Notes (6.40%) due 2011, Series 2 Notes (6.93%) due 2032, Series 3 Notes (5.77%) due 2012, Series 4 Notes (6.35%) due 2034, Series 5 Notes (6.59%) due 2043, Series 6 Notes (4.00%) due 2008, Series 7 Notes (3.950%) due 2009, Series 8 Extendable Step-up Notes (4.700%) due 2008, Series 9 Notes (5.36%) due 2036, Series 10 Notes (4.640%) due 2016, Series 11 Notes (5.000%) due 2046, Series 12 Notes (4.89%) due 2037 and Series 13 Notes (5.18%) due 2017 are not listed on any exchange or similar market for securities.

### *Trading Price and Volume*

The debt securities issued by our company are not listed on a recognized exchange or quoted on a recognized quotation and trade reporting system.

*Prior Sales*

Our company issued the following tranches of medium term notes in 2007:

<b>Note</b>	<b>Par Value (M) (\$)</b>	<b>Sale Price (\$)</b>	<b>Gross Proceeds (\$)</b>
Series 12 (4.89%) due 2037	400	99.984	\$399,936,000
Series 13 (5.18%) due 2017	300	99.946	\$299,838,000

**DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

**Directors**

The following table sets forth the name, municipality of residence and principal occupation of each of our directors, as of December 31, 2007.

**Name and Municipality of Residence    Principal Occupation**

Rita Burak <sup>(2)</sup>  
 Toronto, Ontario  
 Canada  
 (Director since June 11, 2002 and  
 Chair since May 30, 2003)

Chair of the Board of Directors of Hydro One Inc.

Sami Bébawi <sup>(2)(4)(5)</sup>  
 Outremont, Québec  
 Canada  
 (Director since October 8, 2004)

Advisor to the President,  
 SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.  
 President, Geracon Inc.

Kathryn A. Bouey <sup>(3)(5)(6)(7)</sup>  
 Toronto, Ontario  
 Canada  
 (Director since March 30, 2007)

President,  
 Kathryn Bouey & Associates Ltd.  
 Corporate Director

Murray J. Elston <sup>(1)(4)</sup>  
 Manotick, Ontario  
 Canada  
 (Director since June 11, 2002)

President and CEO,  
 Canadian Nuclear Association

<b><u>Name and Municipality of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Occupation</u></b>
Laura Formusa <sup>(7)</sup> Toronto, Ontario Canada (Director since March 30, 2007)	President and Chief Executive Officer, Hydro One Inc.
Don MacKinnon <sup>(4)(5)</sup> Chatsworth, Ontario Canada (Director since June 11, 2002)	President, Power Workers' Union
Michael J. Mueller <sup>(2)(6)(7)</sup> Tecumseh, Ontario Canada (Director since March 30, 2007)	Corporate Director
Walter Murray <sup>(1)(3)(6)</sup> Bracebridge, Ontario Canada (Director since November 10, 2005)	Corporate Director
Robert L. Pace <sup>(1)(3)(7)</sup> Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada (Director since March 30, 2007)	President and Chief Executive Officer, The Pace Group Ltd.
Gale Rubenstein <sup>(1)(2)(4)(7)</sup> Toronto, Ontario Canada (Director since March 30, 2007)	Partner, Goodmans LLP
Douglas E. Speers <sup>(3)(5)(6)</sup> Coldwater, Ontario Canada (Director since November 10, 2005)	Chairman and Director, Emco Corporation

(1) Member of the Audit and Finance Committee

(2) Member of the Corporate Governance Committee

- (3) Member of the Human Resources and Public Policy Committee
- (4) Member of the Regulatory and Environment Committee
- (5) Member of the Health and Safety Committee
- (6) Member of the Business Transformation Committee
- (7) Effective March 30, 2007, the following directors were elected to the Board of Directors of Hydro One Inc. by our sole shareholder: Kathryn Bouey, Laura Formusa, Michael Mueller, Robert Pace and Gale Rubenstein. The following directors resigned from our Board in 2007: Eileen Mercier (March 16, 2007), Kathleen O'Neil (January 24, 2007), Kenneth Taylor (February 27, 2007) and Blake Wallace (February 26, 2007).

Rita Burak was appointed Chair of Hydro One Inc. on May 30, 2003. She served as the Vice Chair of our Board of Directors from August 22, 2002 to May 30, 2003. She is also a Director of The Equitable Life Insurance Company of Canada and the President of a consulting partnership, The Network Executive Team, Management Consultants, Inc. and has held such posts since 2003 and 2001, respectively. Ms. Burak is a member of the University Health Network Board of Trustees and the TELUS Ontario Advisory Committee and Chair of the Toronto Community Board. From 1995 to 2000, she served as Secretary of the Cabinet in Ontario and is a Member of the Order of Ontario. Ms. Burak has been a Director of our company since June 11, 2002. Ms. Burak has announced that she will not be seeking re-appointment in the new year.

Sami Bébawi is the president of his own construction project management company, Geracon Inc. From 1999 until December 31, 2006 he was an Executive Vice President of SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. and member of the Office of the President and President of the heavy construction company Socodec Inc. Mr. Bébawi also had the corporate responsibility in project management policy at SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.. He is currently Advisor to the President of SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. He is an engineering graduate with a Masters Degree and has several years of experience in designing and building thermal, hydro and nuclear power plants. Mr. Bébawi is a Member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec and is a conjunct professor at Concordia University, Montreal. He is also Vice Chair and Director of Aecedge Inc. and Director of SNC-Lavalin Gulf Contractors L.L.C. Mr. Bébawi has been a Director of our company since October 8, 2004.

Kathryn A. Bouey is President of Kathryn Bouey & Associates Ltd., a management consulting firm. From 2001 to 2005, Ms. Bouey was the Deputy Minister of the Management Board Secretariat, Province of Ontario and previously held other senior management positions with the Province, including: Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (1999-2001); and Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Group, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (1997-1999). She is currently a Governor of Sheridan College and a Director of St. Joseph's Health Centre. Previously, she held the position of Chair of the Ontario Civil Service Commission and has served on the boards of the Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation, Ontario Power Generation, the Ontario Financing Authority and the Ontario Pension Board. Ms. Bouey obtained a Master of Arts (Economics) from Carleton University in 1981 and was certified by the Institute of Corporate Directors in 2006. She has been a Director of our company since March 30, 2007.

Murray J. Elston has been the President and CEO of the Canadian Nuclear Association (“CNA”), since January 5, 2004. The CNA is a non-profit organization that represents the nuclear industry in Canada and promotes the development and growth of nuclear technologies for peaceful purposes. He previously served as President of Canada’s Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies, a national association representing over 60 research-based pharmaceutical companies, to which he was appointed in November 1998. From 1981 to 1994, he served as a Liberal MPP in the Ontario Legislature, where he held the positions of Minister of Health, Chairman of Management Board, Minister of Financial Institutions and Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. Mr. Elston is Chair of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre and the Canadian Nurses Foundation. He is also Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the University of Ottawa Institute of Mental Health and Research and Energy Dialogue Group. He serves on the Board of the Canadian Centre for Energy Information. Mr. Elston has been a Director of our company since June 11, 2002.

Laura Formusa was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer, Hydro One Inc., on November 23, 2007, having served as the company's acting President and Chief Executive Officer since December 8, 2006. Ms. Formusa was appointed Hydro One's General Counsel and Secretary in 2003. She held various senior positions until being appointed General Counsel of Hydro One Networks Inc. in 2000. Ms. Formusa earned her Bachelor of Laws degree at Osgoode Hall Law School and was admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1980, following her call to the Bar of Ontario. She has been a Director of our company since March 30, 2007.

Don MacKinnon has been President of the Power Workers’ Union, an electricity industry workers union, since May 2000 and a lineman by trade since 1971. He was Vice-President of the Union for 11 years prior to being elected President. In 2000, Mr. MacKinnon was appointed by the Minister of Energy, Science and Technology to the Electricity Transition Committee. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Electrical and Utilities Safety Association and the Retail Management Board of Ontario Hydro. In 2003, Mr. MacKinnon was appointed by the Minister of Energy to the government’s Electricity Conservation and Supply Task Force. In 2005, Mr. MacKinnon became a member of the Canadian Nuclear Association’s Board of Directors. He is also a member of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy. Mr. MacKinnon has been a Director of our company since June 11, 2002.

Michael J. Mueller is a former Global leader of PricewaterhouseCoopers' (PwC) Private Company Services/Middle Market Practice and a former member of PwC's Global Audit Leadership Team, Global Advisory Leadership Team and the Global Markets Council. Prior to his retirement from PwC in July 2007, his previous positions with the firm also included National Managing Partner for Canada and Senior Relationship Partner for a number of the firm's most significant clients. He is also a Chartered Accountant, a Certified Insolvency Practitioner, and a Chartered Business Valuator. Mr. Mueller's past community involvement includes: member of the Board of Governors of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada; President of the Windsor Symphony Society; and President, Better Business Bureau of Windsor and Essex Counties. He has been a Director of our company since March 30, 2007.

Walter Murray is a former Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive Committee of RBC Capital Markets, an international corporate and investment bank. Prior to his retirement from the RBC Royal Bank in April 2005, his 38-year career included Senior Executive Investment Banking responsibility for overseeing and directing all financial and advisory activity with a portfolio of major Canadian and International accounts; Executive head of Corporate Banking activities across Canada, and several other Executive postings, including serving as Regional Executive for RBC's Midwestern USA Corporate Banking operations. Since 2000, Mr. Murray has been a member of Ivernia Inc.'s Board of Directors and Chair of its audit committee. Mr. Murray has been a Director of our company since November 10, 2005.

Robert L. Pace is the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Pace Group Ltd. The Pace Group owns and operates a number of companies across Atlantic Canada, including: Maritime Broadcasting System Ltd., a 24 radio station group; MBS Realty Ltd.; Green Waste Systems Inc. and Shredder's. He began his professional career with the Halifax law firm Chandler Moore, where he practiced family and commercial law. Between 1981 and 1984, Mr. Pace served as Atlantic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Canada. Mr. Pace is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Canadian National Railway Company; Overland Realty Limited (Chairman of the Board); Canadian Health Care Consulting Services Ltd.; High Liner Foods Incorporated; the Atlantic Salmon Federation; the Asia Pacific Foundation; and the Public Gardens Restoration Committee (Halifax). Mr. Pace was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1981 following the completion of his Bachelor of Laws degree at Dalhousie University, where he also completed an MBA in 1977. He has been a Director of our company since March 30, 2007.

Gale Rubenstein is a partner of the law firm Goodmans LLP and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. She practices law primarily in the areas of commercial insolvency and restructuring with emphasis on financial institutions, both domestic and international, and on pension restructurings. Ms. Rubenstein was senior counsel to the liquidators of numerous financial institutions and has been counsel to the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada) and the Superintendent of Financial Services (Ontario). She has authored numerous papers on the insolvency of insurance companies and banks, and is update author of LexisNexis Canada's Insurance Companies Act: Legislation and Commentary. She obtained her Bachelor of Law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School and is a current member of the Insolvency Institute of Canada; Insol International; and a Director of the Canadian Lawyer Liability Assurance Society. She has been a Director of our company since March 30, 2007.

Douglas E. Speers is Chairman and Director of Emco Corporation, a leading Canadian distributor of building materials for the residential, commercial and industrial construction markets. Prior to his appointment as Chairman, Mr. Speers was Emco's President and CEO from 1997 - 2004. Between 1971 and 1988, he held several senior positions with Imperial Oil Ltd. in Canada and Exxon International in New York City. Mr. Speers is a Professional Engineer - Province of Ontario, a member of the Advisory Board of the Richard Ivey School of Business, and Chair and Director of the Ivey Management Services Company. He is a member of the



Boards of a number of privately held companies and has been a Director of our company since November 10, 2005.

Each director is elected annually to serve for one year or until his or her successor is elected or appointed.

### **Officers**

The following table sets forth the name, municipality of residence and position of each of our executive officers as of December 31, 2007. On November 23, 2007, Ms. Laura Formusa was appointed to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer.

<b><u>Name and Municipality of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Position With Our Company</u></b>
Laura Formusa Toronto, Ontario Canada	President and Chief Executive Officer
Beth Summers Oakville, Ontario Canada	Chief Financial Officer
Joseph Agostino Toronto, Ontario Canada	General Counsel
Myles D'Arcey Ancaster, Ontario Canada	Senior Vice President, Customer Operations
Tom Goldie Mississauga, Ontario Canada	Senior Vice President, Corporate Services
Nairn McQueen Dundas, Ontario Canada	Vice President, Engineering & Construction Services
Geoff Ogram Toronto, Ontario Canada	Vice President, Asset Management
Wayne Smith Toronto, Ontario Canada	Vice President, Grid Operations

Laura Formusa's biographical information is presented above under "Directors".

Beth Summers was appointed as Chief Financial Officer on May 7, 2004 after serving as Corporate Controller of Hydro One Networks Inc. Prior to joining our company in 2001, Ms. Summers served as Senior Manager, Assurance & Advisory Services with Ernst & Young LLP. Joseph Agostino was appointed as General Counsel on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, after having served as Acting General Counsel since December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006. He joined Ontario Hydro in 1995 and has previously held the position of Assistant General Counsel of Hydro One Networks Inc.

Myles D'Arcey was appointed as Senior Vice President, Customer Operations of Hydro One Networks Inc. on May 1, 2005. Mr. D'Arcey is also President and Chief Executive Officer of Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. He joined Ontario Hydro in 1978 and has held the position of Vice President, Station Services of Hydro One Networks Inc.

Tom Goldie was appointed as Senior Vice-President, Corporate Services of Hydro One Networks Inc. on September 16, 2002. He joined Ontario Hydro in 1977 and has held the position of Vice-President, Human Resources of Hydro One Inc.

Nairn McQueen was appointed as Vice President, Engineering & Construction Services of Hydro One Networks Inc. on August 28, 2002. Prior to joining Hydro One Network Services Inc. in 2000 as Director of Engineering, Mr. McQueen was V.P., Engineering and Project Management Services for Agra Monenco.

Geoff Ogram was appointed Vice President, Asset Management of Hydro One Networks Inc. on January 1, 2005. He joined Ontario Hydro in 1981 and has held the position of Vice President, Strategy & Development of Hydro One Networks Inc.

Wayne Smith was appointed Vice President, Grid Operations of Hydro One Networks Inc. on January 1, 2005. He joined Ontario Hydro in 1980 and has held the position of Director of Investment Planning and Asset Management of Hydro One Networks Inc.

There is no family relationship between any director or officer and any other director or officer.

### **Indebtedness of Directors and Executive Officers**

As of February 1, 2007 and since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year of Hydro One, no director, executive officer, employee, former director, former executive officer or former employee or associate of any director or executive officer of Hydro One or any of its subsidiaries had any outstanding indebtedness to Hydro One or any of its subsidiaries except routine indebtedness or had any indebtedness that was the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by Hydro One or any of its subsidiaries.

## **INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS**

### **Relationships with the Province and Other Parties**

#### *Overview*

The Province of Ontario owns all of our outstanding shares. As a result, the Province has the power to control all governance decisions affecting us, including the composition of our Board of Directors. Accordingly, the Province exercises control over our policies, the acquisition or disposition of assets, the incurrence of further debt and the payment of dividends to holders of our common and preferred shares.

The OEB is the principal regulator of Ontario's electricity industry. The Province appoints the members of the OEB and fills any vacancies on the OEB. The OEB is obligated to implement approved directives of the Province concerning general policy and objectives to be pursued by the OEB and other directives aimed at addressing existing or potential abuses of market power by industry participants. The IESO directs the operation of our transmission system. The board of directors of the IESO, other than its chief executive officer, is appointed by the Province in accordance with the regulations in effect from time to time under the *Electricity Act, 1998*.

The OPA is mandated to forecast supply and demand of electricity over the medium and long term and to conduct planning and implement measures to meet the supply and demand needs. Its board of directors is appointed by the Province.

#### *Transfer Orders*

The transfer orders pursuant to which we acquired Ontario Hydro's electricity transmission, distribution and energy services businesses as of April 1, 1999 did not transfer any asset, right, liability or obligation where the transfer would constitute a breach of the terms of any such asset, right, liability or obligation or a breach of any law or order. The transfer orders also did not transfer title to some assets located on lands held for bands or bodies of Indians under the *Indian Act* (Canada). The transfer of title to these assets did not occur because authorizations originally granted by the Canadian Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs for the construction and operation of these assets could not be transferred without the consent of such Minister and the relevant Indian bands or bodies or, in several cases because the authorizations had either expired or had never been properly issued. These assets consist primarily of approximately 82 km of transmission lines and distribution lines used to deliver electricity on reserves (of which 14 km of lines are used solely for serving customers off the reserves). OEFC holds these assets.

We are obligated under the transfer orders to manage both the assets held in trust until we have obtained all consents necessary to complete the transfer of title to these assets to us and the assets otherwise retained by OEFC that relate to our businesses. We have entered into an agreement with OEFC under which we are obligated, in managing the assets, to take instructions from OEFC if our actions could have a material adverse effect on it. OEFC has retained the right to take control of and manage the assets, although it must notify and consult with us before doing so and must exercise its powers relating to the assets in a manner that will facilitate the operation of our businesses. The consent of OEFC is also required prior to any disposition of these assets.

The Province also transferred officers, employees, assets, liabilities, rights and obligations of Ontario Hydro in a similar manner to its other successor corporations. These transfer orders include a dispute resolution mechanism to resolve any disagreement among the various transferees with respect to the transfer of specific assets, liabilities, rights or obligations.

The transfer orders do not contain any representations or warranties from the Province or OEFC with respect to the transferred officers, employees, assets, liabilities, rights and obligations. Furthermore, under the *Electricity Act, 1998*, OEFC was released from liability in respect of all assets and liabilities transferred by the transfer orders, except for liability under our indemnity from OEFC as discussed below. By the terms of the transfer orders, each transferee indemnifies OEFC with respect to any assets and liabilities not effectively transferred and is obligated to take all reasonable measures to complete the transfers where the transfers were not effective.

### *Indemnities*

OEFC indemnified us with respect to the failure of the transfer orders to transfer any asset, right or thing or any interest therein related to our business to us and some of our subsidiaries, some adverse claims or interests of third parties or based on title deficiencies arising from the transfer orders, except for some claims and rights of the Crown, and claims related to any equity account previously referred to in the financial statements of Ontario Hydro including amounts relating to any judgment, settlement or payment in connection with litigation initiated by some utilities commissions. The Province has unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed to us and our subsidiaries the payment of all amounts owing by OEFC under its indemnity.

The indemnity specifically excludes any matter for which we have agreed or are required to indemnify OEFC pursuant to or in connection with any transfer order. It also excludes any claim related to any aboriginal title or rights or the absence of a permit, right-of-way, easement or similar right in respect of lands held for Indian bands under the *Indian Act* (Canada). It also excludes any payment made, or loss, expense or liability incurred by us as a result of the failure of a transfer order to transfer any asset of Ontario Hydro described in the provisions of the transfer order relating to ineffective transfers.

The indemnity does not cover the first \$10,000 in value of each claim and only applies to the amount by which the total of all claims exceeds \$10 million. We are obliged to pay OEFC a fee for the indemnity of \$5 million per year until such time as the parties agree that the indemnity should be terminated. We anticipate that we will require the indemnity until all indemnifiable claims have been identified and finally determined by a non-appealable court order. The indemnity ceases to be available to any of our subsidiary corporations if we cease to control them unless the cessation of ownership results from the sale of the shares of a subsidiary in connection with the enforcement of security on such shares by an arm's-length creditor of Hydro One. The indemnity can be assigned under some conditions with the consent of the Minister of Finance.

The Province has also agreed to indemnify the directors of Hydro One for any liabilities reasonably incurred by them in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which they are made a party to the extent that these liabilities result from a claim or determination that their approval of the indemnity by OEFC constituted a breach of their duty to exercise the care, diligence or skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

We have indemnified OEFC in respect of the damages, losses, obligations, liabilities, claims, encumbrances, penalties, interest, deficiencies, costs and expenses arising from matters relating to our business and any failure by us to comply with our obligations to OEFC under agreements dated as of April 1, 1999. These obligations include obligations to employ the employees transferred to us under the transfer orders, make and remit employee source deductions, i.e., tax withholding amounts, and employer contributions, manage the real and personal properties which OEFC continues to hold in trust or otherwise and take any necessary action to transfer all of these properties to us, to pay realty taxes and other costs, provide access to books and records and to assume other responsibilities in respect of the assets held by OEFC in trust for us.

### *Transmission Corridors*

On June 27, 2002, the Province passed the *Reliable Energy and Consumer Protection Act, 2002* that provided for, among other things, ownership of all transmission corridor and abutting lands to be transferred from us to the Province in exchange for a statutory right to use the lands for transmission and distribution purposes effective December 31, 2002. Corridor land totalling 49,673 acres with a net book value of approximately \$259 million was transferred to the Province. In addition, ownership of land assets with a net value of approximately \$7 million, not then in use, was transferred to the Province and applied as a reduction of shareholder's equity. We also retained the obligation to incur certain ongoing expenditures related to our use of this land, including maintenance, property taxes and any future environmental remediation work that may be required by the Province. The OEB is authorized to restrict or discontinue any use of the transmission corridor lands that interferes with the transmission system. The Province later decided to return certain lands to us. During 2003-2005, the Province returned approximately 7,271 acres of lands with a net book value of \$38.2 million.

### *Operational Matters*

Hydro One receives its revenues, which are in part collected by the IESO from customers, in accordance with the rules established under the *Electricity Act, 1998* and the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, as amended from time to time.

Hydro One and the IESO have entered into an operating agreement, which took effect in May 2002, setting out the specific responsibilities of both parties relating to the provision of transmission service. Hydro One also purchases power from the IESO administered spot market.

Hydro One has several service agreements with the other successor corporations to Ontario Hydro, primarily OPG. These services include field and engineering, logistics, corporate, telecommunications and information technology services.

### *Payments in Lieu of Corporate Taxes*

We and our subsidiaries are exempt from taxes under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the *Corporations Tax Act* (Ontario) because we are wholly owned by the Province and each of our subsidiaries is, in turn, wholly owned (directly or indirectly) by us. However, pursuant to the *Electricity Act, 1998*, we and each of our subsidiaries are required to pay amounts to the OEFC, which are referred to as payments in lieu of corporate taxes or proxy taxes, in respect of each taxation year, generally equal to the amount of tax that we would be liable to pay under the

*Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the *Corporations Tax Act* (Ontario) if we were not exempt from taxes thereunder.

### *Shareholder's Agreement*

We have entered into a shareholder's agreement with the Province relating to our corporate governance. Under this agreement, we must provide the Province with the financial and non-financial information necessary to allow the Province to periodically inform Ontario's legislature regarding our ongoing performance. This information includes all significant or contentious matters, progress reports concerning compliance with market power mitigation measures, information in respect of all matters requiring shareholder approval and all financial reports. Additionally, the shareholder's agreement requires that we consult with the Province with respect to matters concerning our dividend policy and obtain approval from the Province in advance of any proposal to issue or transfer shares in Hydro One or its subsidiaries, any major transaction, including the sale of assets, which would potentially have a material effect on the financial interest of the Province or our ability to make payments to OEFC or payments in lieu of taxes ( proxy taxes) under the *Electricity Act, 1998*.

### **TRUSTEES AND REGISTRARS**

The trustee and registrar for our company's debt securities is Computershare Investor Services Inc., located in Toronto, Ontario.

The U.S. trustee and registrar for our company's debt securities is Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company of New York located in New York, New York.

### **MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

Except for the following, since January 1, 2002, our company did not enter into any material contracts, other than contracts in the ordinary course of business:

- (a) (i) a third supplemental trust indenture dated as of January 31, 2003 relating to the issuance of Series 4 Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000, of which \$200,000,000 was drawn down on January 31, 2003, \$120,000,000 was drawn down on June 25, 2004 and \$65,000,000 was drawn down on August 24, 2004, pursuant to the Trust Indenture dated as of June 4, 2001 (the "Trust Indenture");
- (ii) a fourth supplemental trust indenture dated as of April 22, 2003 relating to the issuance of Series 5 Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000, of which \$250,000,000 was drawn down on April 22, 2003 and \$65,000,000 was drawn down on August 20, 2004, pursuant to the Trust Indenture;
- (iii) a fifth supplemental trust indenture dated as of June 23, 2003 relating to the issuance of Series 6 Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000, of which \$500,000,000 was drawn down on June 23, 2003, pursuant to the Trust Indenture;

- (iv) a sixth supplemental trust indenture dated as of February 24, 2004 relating to the issuance of Series 7 Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000, of which \$250,000,000 was drawn down on February 24, 2004, pursuant to the Trust Indenture;
- (v) a seventh supplemental indenture dated as of November 15, 2004 relating to the issuance of Series 8 Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000, of which \$40,000,000 was drawn down on November 15, 2004, pursuant to the Trust Indenture;
- (vi) an eighth supplemental indenture dated as of May 19, 2005 relating to the issuance of Series 9 Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000 of which \$350,000,000 was drawn down on May 19, 2005, and \$250,000,000 was drawn down on April 24, 2006, pursuant to the Trust Indenture;
- (vii) a ninth supplemental trust indenture dated as of March 3, 2006 relating to the issuance of Series 10 Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000 of which \$300,000,000 was drawn down on March 3, 2006 and \$150,000,000 was drawn down on August 22, 2006, pursuant to the Trust Indenture;
- (viii) a tenth supplemental trust indenture dated as of October 19, 2006 relating to the issuance of Series 11 Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000 of which \$75,000,000 was drawn down on October 19, 2006, pursuant to the Trust Indenture;
- (ix) an eleventh supplemental trust indenture dated as of March 13, 2007 relating to the issuance of Series 12 Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000 of which \$400,000,000 was drawn on March 13, 2007, pursuant to the Trust Indenture; and
- (x) a twelfth supplemental trust indenture dated as of October 18, 2007 relating to the issuance of Series 13 Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000 of which \$300,000,000 was drawn down on October 18, 2007, pursuant to the Trust Indenture.

Each of these supplemental trust indentures supplement the terms of the Trust Indenture which contains customary covenants and representations by our company for the public issuance of debt securities in the Canadian market.

- (b) a Dealer Agreement dated June 21, 2007 between our company and BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., Casgrain & Company Limited, CIBC World Markets Inc., HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc., Laurentian Bank Securities Inc., National Bank Financial Inc., RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Scotia Capital Inc. and TD Securities Inc. (collectively, the “Dealers”) relating to the public offering of unsecured medium term notes of Hydro One in a maximum aggregate principal amount of up to \$2,500,000,000. The Dealer Agreement provides for the appointment of the Dealers as non-exclusive agents of Hydro One to solicit, from

time to time, offers to purchase its medium term notes in Canada and, in certain circumstances, the United States.

Copies of these documents are available on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## **INTERESTS OF EXPERTS**

For the year ended December 31, 2007, Ernst & Young LLP provided the following services to our company (See “Recent Developments – Change of External Auditor”):

- (a) quarterly review of our company’s consolidated financial statements;
- (b) annual audit of our company’s consolidated financial statements;
- (c) annual audit of Hydro One Networks Inc.’s transmission and distribution businesses, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.’s and Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.’s financial statements; and
- (d) annual audit of our company’s pension fund and the following companies which hold our alternative asset investments: HOPF-HFG Investments Ltd., HOPF – HFM Investments Ltd., HOPF-PEJ Investments Ltd. and HOPF-PEP Investments Ltd.

Ernst & Young LLP is independent in Canada in accordance with its rules of professional conduct.

KPMG LLP has provided services in respect of the documentation, evaluation and enhancement of internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls consistent with Multilateral Instrument 52-109.

Mercer Human Resource Consulting LLC provides the following services to our company:

- (a) annual accounting actuarial valuation (valuation report prepared);
- (b) tri-annual funding actuarial valuation (last valuation completed as of December 31, 2006, filed in September 2007) ; and
- (c) annual accounting actuarial valuation for supplementary pension plan for purposes of letters of credit (valuation report prepared).

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional Information about Hydro One is available on SEDAR (System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval) at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)

As our sole shareholder is the Province, we are not required to prepare an information circular. Additional financial information is contained in our audited comparative consolidated financial statements, together with the auditors’ report thereon, and our Management’s Discussion and Analysis for our most recently completed fiscal year, each of which may be found on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)



## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth the annual compensation for the years ended December 31, 2005 to 2007 for each individual who served or acted as Chief Executive Officer or as a Chief Financial Officer during the most recently completed financial year, and for each of the three most highly compensated executive officers, other than the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, at the end of the most recently completed financial year (“Named Executive Officers”). The information provided in the Summary Compensation Table differs from the information published under the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act* (Ontario) for the years ended December 31, 2005 to 2007. The differences are due to the timing of payment of incentive awards. Salary disclosures under the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act* are limited to amounts listed on T4 forms for each year. Information in the summary compensation table is reported in the year the incentive was earned. The incentive is generally earned in one year and paid early in the following year.

**Summary Compensation Table**

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Compensation</u>			<u>Long Term Compensation</u>	
		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Bonus<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Other Annual Compensation</u>	<u>All Other Compensation</u>	<u>LTIP Payouts</u>
Laura Formusa <sup>(2)</sup>	2007	\$632,305	\$134,290	(3)		
President and Chief	2006	\$300,000	\$135,000	(3)		
Executive Officer	2005	\$280,000	\$140,000	(3)		\$29,481 <sup>(4)</sup>
Beth Summers	2007	\$360,000	\$200,000	(3)		
Chief Financial Officer	2006	\$320,000	\$145,000	(3)		
	2005	\$280,000	\$140,000	(3)		\$9,466 <sup>(4)</sup>
Myles D'Arcey	2007	\$321,000	\$155,000	(3)		
Senior Vice President,	2006	\$310,000	\$150,000	(3)		
Customer Operations	2005	\$285,000	\$142,500	(3)		\$21,793 <sup>(4)</sup>
Tom Goldie	2007	\$311,000	\$145,000	(3)		
Senior Vice President,	2006	\$300,000	\$135,000	(3)		
Corporate Services	2005	\$280,000	\$140,000	(3)		\$51,987 <sup>(4)</sup>
Nairn McQueen	2007	\$273,000	\$115,000	(3)		
Vice President	2006	\$260,000	\$90,000	(3)		
Engineering and	2005	\$250,000	\$100,000	(3)		\$21,548 <sup>(4)</sup>
Construction Services						

(1) This represents incentives paid under our short term incentive plan.

(2) Ms. Formusa was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Hydro One Inc. on November 23, 2007. Previously, Ms. Formusa held the position of President and Chief Executive Officer (Acting) from December 8, 2006 until November 23, 2007 and the position of General Counsel and Secretary from 2003 to December 8, 2006.

(3) None of Ms. Formusa, Ms. Summers, Mr. D'Arcey, Mr. Goldie or Mr. McQueen are entitled to any other benefits in an aggregate amount that exceeds \$50,000 or 10 per cent of the total of his or her annual salary and bonus.

(4) This amount represents payment of the final instalment under our previous long term incentive plan, which was discontinued for all previously eligible staff on December 31, 2002.

Hydro One has established a short-term incentive plan (the “Incentive Plan”) for our executive and managerial employees, as well as separate plans for staff represented by the Power Workers’ Union and the Society of Energy Professionals. However, through the collective bargaining process, the plan for Society of Energy Professional members was eliminated effective January 1, 2003, and the plan for members of the Power Workers’ Union was eliminated on April 1, 2005. See “Report on Executive Compensation – Short Term Incentive Plan” below.

The Human Resources and Public Policy Committee of our Board of Directors made a number of changes in management compensation during 2002 with respect to base salary, short-term incentive and long term incentive in order to effect cost savings. With respect to long term incentive, our Board of Directors, on the advice of the Human Resources and Public Policy Committee, decided to discontinue our long-term incentive plan effective December 31, 2002. Any credits which had been earned by employees up until that date have been paid, as we met our financial targets for the performance periods in question. The final instalments associated with the long-term incentive plan were paid in 2005. This plan provided for executive and managerial employees to receive notional incentive units in proportion to their base salaries. These units appreciated in value based on achievement of a performance goal based on cumulative net income over three year performance periods. This plan provided that awards would vest and be paid over a three-year period, provided the employee remained employed by Hydro One.

#### **Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

The Company provides a defined benefit pension plan to its employees. Each of the Named Executive Officers participate in the Hydro One Pension Plan. The benefits for these individuals are calculated in a consistent manner with all other Hydro One employees, as described below.

For each year of credited service under the Hydro One Pension Plan (consisting of the Hydro One registered pension plan and the supplementary pension plan), to a maximum of 35 years, the benefit provided for each of the employees who participate in the plan is equal to 2% of the member’s average base annual earnings during the 36 consecutive months (60 consecutive months for management employees hired on or after January 1, 2004 and for employees represented by the Society of Energy Professionals hired on or after November 17, 2005) when his or her base annual earnings were highest. Base annual earnings are comprised of the member’s salary and 50% of his or her short term incentive, if applicable.

The approximate projected credited years of service that each Named Executive Officer will have if he or she works until the age of 65 is as follows: Ms. Formosa – 35 years at age 65; Ms. Summers – 34 years at age 65; Mr. D’Arcey – 35 years at age 65; Mr. Goldie – 35 years at age 65; and Mr. McQueen 15 years at age 65.

This pension is reduced by 0.625% of the member’s average base annual earnings up to the year’s maximum pensionable earnings during the 36 consecutive months (60 consecutive months for management employees hired after January 1, 2004 and for employees represented by the Society of Energy Professionals who were hired after November 17, 2005) when his or her base earnings were highest (the reduction is 0.500% for employees represented by the Society of Energy Professionals who were hired prior to November 17, 2005 and for all employees represented by the Power Workers’ Union). The reduction is intended to offset Canada Pension Plan (“CPP”) benefits.

The plan terms also include a bridge pension which is payable from the date of retirement to age 65 for all members except for management employees hired on or after January 1, 2004 and employees represented by the Society of Energy Professionals hired on or after November 17, 2005. The Hydro One Pension Plan provides for early retirement with an unreduced pension at the earlier of age 65 and the attainment of years of age plus continuous employment totalling 82 or more (85 years of age plus credited service for management employees hired on or after January 1, 2004 and for employees represented by the Society of Energy Professionals hired on or after November 17, 2005). A plan member who is not eligible for an unreduced pension can retire with a reduced pension any time after attaining age 55.

Pension benefits payable to pensioners, beneficiaries and terminated employees with deferred pensions are increased annually effective January 1 of each year equal to 100% of the increase in the Ontario consumer price index for the 12 month period ending in June of the previous year (75% for management employees hired on or after January 1, 2004 and for employees represented by the Society of Energy Professionals hired on or after November 17, 2005). The normal form of pension for a member who does not have a spouse at retirement is a pension payable for life and guaranteed for five years, payable to an estate if not paid to the retiree. The normal form of pension for a member who has a spouse at retirement is a pension payable for the life of the member, and continuing after the member's death to his or her spouse at the rate of 66 2/3% of the amount the member was receiving.

Benefits payable under Hydro One's registered pension plan, similar to other entities, are restricted by the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). This limit on benefits affects members whose average annual earnings exceed approximately \$130,000 in 2008. Participants whose pensions would otherwise be restricted by the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) participate in an unregistered supplementary pension plan that provides benefits equal to the difference between the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) maximum pension benefits and the benefits determined in accordance with the formula set out in Hydro One's registered pension plan. The supplementary pension plan is unfunded and the additional retirement income is paid from general revenues. Hydro One's obligations to participants under the supplementary pension plan are secured by a letter of credit. [See "Pension Plan" section.]

The following table reflects an estimate of total annual lifetime benefits payable under the Hydro One registered pension plan and the unregistered supplementary pension plan. The table as set out below assumes a normal retirement age of 65, and assumes that the maximum pensionable earnings established under the Canada Pension Plan at retirement is equal to the maximum for 2007. Retirement at an earlier age may cause benefits to be subject to an early retirement discount.

**Pension Plan Table**

<u>Highest average earnings</u>	<u>15 years of Service</u>	<u>20 years of Service</u>	<u>25 years of Service</u>	<u>30 years of Service</u>	<u>35 years of Service</u>
\$200,000	\$55,791	\$74,388	\$92,984	\$111,581	\$130,187
300,000	85,791	114,388	142,984	171,581	200,178
400,000	115,791	154,388	192,984	231,581	270,178
500,000	145,791	194,388	242,984	291,581	340,178
600,000	175,791	234,388	292,984	351,581	410,178
800,000	235,791	314,388	392,984	471,581	550,178
1,000,000	295,791	394,388	492,984	591,581	690,178

**Termination of Employment, Change in Responsibilities and Employment Contracts**

Each of Ms. Formusa, Ms. Summers, Mr. Goldie and Mr. McQueen is a party to an employment agreement with Hydro One governing the terms of their employment. Each of Ms. Formusa, Ms. Summers, Mr. Goldie and Mr. McQueen is entitled under their respective employment agreements to the base salary, incentive payments, benefits and pension entitlements described above and in the Report on Executive Compensation.

With respect to Ms. Formusa, Ms. Summers, Mr. Goldie and Mr. McQueen, if their employment is terminated by Hydro One without cause, each of Ms. Formusa, Ms. Summers, Mr. Goldie and Mr. McQueen is entitled to receive an amount equal to his or her base salary at the date of termination in equal monthly instalments (or in the case of Ms. Summers, in one lump sum) for a period of 24 months (18 months in the case of Mr. McQueen) and to receive benefits over the same period (including bonus payments equal to the average of the three previous bonus payments) unless, in the case of Ms. Summers, a lump sum is paid. Each of Ms. Formusa, Ms. Summers, Mr. Goldie and Mr. McQueen would continue to earn credited service under the Hydro One Pension Plan during such 24-month period (18-month period in the case of Mr. McQueen).

## **Composition of the Human Resources and Public Policy Committee**

The Human Resources & Public Policy Committee (the “Committee”) of our Board of Directors oversees the compensation of Hydro One’s executive officers, including the Named Executive Officers, and acts as the compensation committee of the Board of Directors. The Committee is composed solely of “independent directors” (as such term is defined in National Instrument 58-101 – Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices), namely: D. Speers (Chair), K. Bouey, W. Murray and R. Pace. During 2007, members B. Wallace, K. O’Neill, and M. Elston left the Committee. Also during 2007, D. Speers was appointed as Chair, and K. Bouey and R. Pace joined the Committee.

## **REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

### **Responsibilities of Human Resources and Public Policy Committee**

The mandate of the Committee in connection with compensation of Hydro One’s executive officers, includes, but is not limited to:

- (i) annually reviewing and approving the base salaries of the President’s direct reports, including the other Named Executive Officers, and informing the Board of Directors of the Committee’s decision;
- (ii) annually reviewing and approving the short term incentive payouts to the President’s direct reports, including the other Named Executive Officers, and informing the Board of Directors of the Committee’s decision;
- (iii) annually reviewing and recommending to the Board of Directors for approval the base salary of the President; and
- (iv) annually reviewing and recommending to the Board of Directors for approval the short term incentive payout to the President.

### **General**

Hydro One’s executive compensation program is designed to establish pay levels based on performance and be competitive with Canadian utility and energy companies, both publicly and privately owned. The program is designed to attract, motivate and retain executives, critical for Hydro One’s current and long-term success. This is particularly critical given the large infrastructure requirements to ensure a safe, efficient and reliable electricity delivery system and considering the risks associated with employee demographics and the competitiveness of the market for skilled energy sector employees. See “Risk Factors – Work Force Demographic Risk.”

More than 20% of Hydro One’s employees will be eligible for retirement by the end of 2008. In some parts of the organization, the risk is much higher. Accordingly, company success will be tied to the ability to attract and retain sufficient qualified staff to replace those retiring. This will be challenging as the labour market for the industry is expected to be highly competitive in the future. In addition, many Hydro One employees possess experience and skills that will also be highly sought after by other organizations both inside and outside the electricity sector. Hydro

One has already lost a considerable number of management staff, both those in executive positions and those who are logical successors for executive positions, to opportunities in other electricity sector positions across Canada (and, in particular, in Ontario) as well as senior positions outside of the sector.

The level of responsibility and the relative importance of positions in Hydro One are evaluated to establish appropriate reference points for internal and external comparison. To provide maximum objectivity, the evaluation of each executive officer position is determined by the Committee based on the advice of the Hay Group, independent compensation consultants. See “Independent Advice” in this report below. Also in 2007, the Committee engaged the executive recruiting firm of Korn Ferry to advise the Committee and the Board of Directors in relation to the recruitment of a permanent President and Chief Executive Officer for the company.

Compensation for executive officers consists of a base salary, short term incentive payments and other benefits.

### **Base Salary**

The Committee establishes base salary ranges for the positions held by executive officers following a review of market data from peer group, industry and national surveys provided by independent consultants. The peer group used by Hydro One for this purpose consists of Canadian utility and energy companies, both publicly and privately owned.

The actual level of base salary, within the approved range for each executive officer, including the Named Executive Officers, is determined on the basis of job function and the individual's performance and experience. The President and Chief Executive Officer presents a base salary recommendation to the Committee for each of her direct reports. The Committee sets the base salary of such executives and then reports its decision to the Board of Directors. The Committee brings a base salary recommendation for the President and Chief Executive Officer to the Board of Directors for approval.

The Minister of Energy subsequently announced that all the recommendations of the Agency Review Panel were being accepted by the Province and requested us to support the initiative. Hydro One has complied with the relevant recommendations. Hydro One implemented the following guidelines with respect to compensation of the new executive officers:

- The Committee will use comparative market data based on a 50/50 blend of Public and Private sector companies in determining total compensation.
- Total compensation will be established relative to the Median Total Direct Cash (i.e. salary policy plus target bonus plus LTI annualized net present value of long-term incentive) of the 50/50 blended market data.

For new executive officers, the Committee (entirely independent of management) developed a new comparator group with the assistance of the external compensation advisors the Hay Group. The comparator group consists of 30 Canadian based companies (15 public and 15 private), approximately 2/3 of which are utilities (primarily electric.) These companies vary in size with approximately 2/3 being smaller in size when compared to Hydro One, based on both 2006 revenues and assets. This methodology generated the following compensation components for the position of President and Chief Executive Officer:

Base Salary:	\$725,000
Short Term Incentive Maximum:	25%
Total Direct Cash Compensation Maximum:	\$900,000

Using the above model for setting executive compensation, as recommended by the Agency Review Panel, results in reduced compensation for new executives. The new compensation for the President and Chief Executive Officer position is 40% less than that of the previous President and Chief Executive Officer. The one other recent executive officer appointment also resulted in compensation consistent with the Agency Review Panel direction.

For employees not impacted by the Agency Review Panel recommendations, Hydro One uses a set of 44 comparators which represent primarily public and private sector energy related companies in Canada. The comparator list consists of 35 private sector companies and 9 public sector companies. Of the 44 companies, 18 are utilities or utility related companies. The companies vary in size. Based on 2006 revenues and assets, approximately 50% were smaller in size than Hydro One of the 44 companies. Of the 18 utilities in the comparator group, approximately 70% were smaller than Hydro One.

## **Performance Based Compensation**

### ***Overview***

Our company does not grant to its executive officers any options, warrants or other rights to purchase its stock, including stock appreciation rights. On the advice of the Committee, the Board of Directors decided to discontinue our long-term incentive plan effective December 31, 2002 and the final payouts were made under the plan in 2005. Currently the company awards performance based compensation in the form of a short-term cash bonus.

### **Short-Term Incentive Plan**

Hydro One's Incentive Plan is a mechanism used by the Company to drive performance. The Incentive Plan is designed to result in a strong correlation between corporate performance and short term incentive payments in Hydro One. Hydro One's Incentive Plan provides an opportunity for participants, including the Named Executive Officers, to earn an annual cash incentive payment based on both the achievement of corporate performance targets set by the Board and on their individual contributions to these targets.

The amount of funding available for payment under the Incentive Plan to the Named Executive Officers, other than the President and Chief Executive Officer, is determined by the Committee and recommended to the Board of Directors by measuring the company's performance at the end of the year against various corporate performance targets and measures set at the beginning of the year. (See discussion of Corporate Performance Measures and Targets below.) The funding available for the direct reports of the President and Chief Executive Officer (which includes the Named Executive Officers, other than the President and Chief Executive Officer) is recommended as a percentage of the total payout which would be payable assuming each individual earned their maximum allowable short term incentive. In 2007, 12 of the corporate performance targets and measures were met and three exceeded. As a result, the Committee set the funding at approximately 75% of the discretionary maximum allowable short term incentive



for the direct reports of the President and Chief Executive Officer. Each direct report of the President and Chief Executive Officer has a maximum amount which they may be eligible to receive under the Incentive Plan expressed as a percentage of base salary. For each of the Named Executive Officers, this percentage is discussed under “Individual Performance” below. After the total amount of funding available under the Incentive Plan for direct reports to the President and CEO is determined, this amount is then allocated among those individuals (including the Named Executive Officers other than the President and CEO) based on their individual performance. See “Individual Performance” below.

### ***Corporate Performance Measures and Targets***

Hydro One establishes its corporate performance measures and targets annually at the beginning of each year. The Committee reviews these measures and targets, which are subsequently reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. These measures and targets are based on Hydro One’s key strategic goals in the areas of financial, customers, major projects and employees.

No specific weight is assigned to any particular measure for purposes of determining the discretionary maximum allowable short term incentive for the direct reports of the President and Chief Executive Officer (which include the Named Executive Officers, other than the President and Chief Executive Officer.) Rather, the Committee determines whether the overall performance measures and targets have been met as a whole, recognizing that a specific measure or target may not have been achieved.

For the purposes of determining the amount of short term incentive payable to the President and Chief Executive Officer, specific weightings and levels of achievement for each corporate performance measure were established by the Committee. In addition, other specific qualitative and leadership goals were also established by the Committee.

The Committee determined that of the 15 corporate measures and targets, Hydro One met 12 and exceeded 3 in 2007 as described further below. The Committee determined that this level of achievement supported the establishment of payout funding at approximately 75% of the discretionary maximum allowable short term incentive for the direct reports of the President and Chief Executive Officer.

### ***Financial***

Meeting strong financial performance through productivity and cost effectiveness is an integral part of Hydro One’s business focus. In addition to maintaining its financial strength in 2007, the Company paid approximately \$325 million in dividends and paid approximately \$230 million of payments in lieu of taxes (“PILS”) to the Province of Ontario. Hydro One exceeded the net income target of \$370 million during 2007 and achieved its target of maintaining an “A” credit rating on long-term debt. This was a considerable achievement in light of the turbulent capital markets in 2007. Hydro One did not hold any Asset Backed Commercial Paper and therefore experienced no detrimental impact as a result. In addition, Hydro One successfully issued Medium Term Notes throughout the year necessary to fund the increasing capital work program for the maintenance and expansion of Ontario’s electricity delivery infrastructure.

### ***Reliability***

Hydro One aims to retain and build public confidence and trust in our operations, as stewards of the province's electricity grid. In 2007, Hydro One continued its focus on this strategic priority by investing in the key assets of the electricity delivery system and by operating the existing system for customers in a safe, reliable and efficient fashion. Transmission reliability measures the frequency and duration of unplanned customer interruptions and compares the results of Hydro One's performance with other large sized participants of the Canadian Electricity Association ("CEA"). Reliability is influenced by weather patterns and generation constraints and accordingly to achieve results, Hydro One requires good performance from both its transmission and distribution systems. Hydro One is conscious that businesses of all sizes require a reliable service to allow them to deliver their products and services. In 2007, Hydro One targeted and achieved top quartile transmission reliability as compared to other large sized CEA participants.

### *Customers*

Keeping customers satisfied is also an integral part of Hydro One's business focus. In this area, Hydro One measures customer satisfaction.

Customer satisfaction measures the degree to which our customers are satisfied with the service they receive from our company. Customer satisfaction is measured based on the results of various customer surveys. In 2007, we targeted a customer satisfaction rate of between 80 to 85% and achieved a customer satisfaction rate of 87%. Results of this measure have steadily improved since 2003 when it was first introduced and the company achieved 61%.

### *Major Projects*

As the stewards of the province's electricity delivery system, Hydro One has a number of key investment initiatives and projects that require its utmost attention. Accordingly, Hydro One identifies specific key projects each year and measures progress for each project against its project plan. In 2007, the following key projects were identified and each was targeted to be substantially on time and substantially on budget as compared to its project plan:

- 1) Hydro Quebec Interconnect
- 2) Downtown Toronto Cable
- 3) Pickering Switchyard
- 4) Information technology infrastructure replacement

During 2007, the Downtown Toronto Cable project exceeded its targets and came in ahead of schedule and under budget. The remaining projects were substantially on time and substantially on budget. This was a considerable achievement in light of the large 2007 work program.

### *People and Safety*

Hydro One's greatest assets are its employees. Accordingly, a number of metrics with respect to the safety and development of Hydro One's employees are measured.

With respect to safety, the potentially hazardous nature of Hydro One's business demands constant focus in this area. Accordingly, Hydro One measures the number of serious incidents involving its employees. Serious incidents refer to, among other things, electrical contacts, preventable motor vehicle accidents, work equipment failures, asset equipment failures, falling objects and falls to a different level. In 2007, Hydro One targeted less than 5.9 serious incidents reported per million hours worked. Hydro One achieved a better than target result of 4.4 serious incidents per million hours worked.

With respect to employee development, Hydro One believes that skills and safety training is a strong proxy for employee development. Accordingly, Hydro One measures the % of skills and safety training completed in any year compared to plan. In 2007, Hydro One targeted having 90% of its employees complete their required training during the year and achieved 93%.

### *Individual Performance*

The second component of determining the amount of cash payments to be made to executive officers pursuant to the Incentive Plan is their individual performance. Individual target performance criteria are outlined in individual performance agreements which include both generic and specific targets. Executive officers are expected to align their efforts with and advance the Corporate Performance Measures and Targets discussed above. In addition, leadership attributes are factored into individual performance targets. Performance agreements are entered into annually between the President and Chief Executive Officer and her direct reports. The Board of Directors, in turn, annually approves the performance agreement entered into between the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of the Board.

Potential awards for Named Executive Officers, other than the President and Chief Executive Officer are expressed as a percentage of base salary but are limited by the amount of aggregate funding available which is determined by measuring performance against the Corporate Performance Measures and Targets discussed above. For the Named Executive Officers, potential awards range between 0% and 60% of base salary (between 0% and 25% of base salary for the President and Chief Executive Officer) provided individual target performance criteria are met and subject to the discretion of the Committee.

In 2007, 50% of the individual potential award for each Named Executive Officer was contingent upon achieving specific targets related to the Cornerstone project, all of which were substantially achieved.

The remainder of the potential award for each Named Executive Officer was based on their relative achievement of specific individual performance targets. In 2007, all Named Executive Officers substantially met all of their specific individual performance targets resulting in bonuses that ranged from approximately 55 to 95 percent of the maximum award available.

## **Benefits**

In addition to the Base Salary and Performance Compensation, as part of their compensation package, the Named Executive Officers also participate in the Hydro One registered pension plan and supplementary pension plan, each as discussed above, and participate in a flexible benefits plan, which is generally available to all Hydro One management employees. This plan provides various benefits, including life insurance, long term disability benefits, accident insurance, vacation and extended health care benefits.

## **President and Chief Executive Officer Compensation**

The base salary for the President and Chief Executive Officer was established by the Board of Directors, on recommendation of the Committee, consistent with the guidelines established by the Agency Review Panel and was based on a comparator group of public and private companies. See “Report on Executive Compensation - Base Salary” above.

The pay-for-performance philosophy of Hydro One’s executive compensation program applies equally to the President and Chief Executive Officer. The Incentive Plan award to the President and Chief Executive Officer is recommended by the Committee and approved by the Board of Directors after careful assessment of personal contribution to the performance of Hydro One. This assessment is based on a number of quantitative and qualitative factors which include financial results, strategic planning and initiatives, personal leadership and business acumen. See “Corporate Performance Measures and Targets” in this report above. Specific measures and levels of achievement are established and assessed by the Committee. The achievement of the Corporate Scorecard measures are weighted by the Committee for the President and Chief Executive Officer only as follows: Financial 40%, Customers 20%, Major Projects 20%, and People and Safety 20%. The Committee determined that Hydro One met 12 and exceeded 3 of its performance targets in 2007. This performance reflects the strong leadership and contributions made by the President and Chief Executive Officer. In addition to the achievement of the corporate targets, all established individual targets were met by the President and Chief Executive Officer. As a result, the Committee recommended and the Board approved a 2007 incentive award of 22% of the maximum allowable of 25%.

## **Compensation of Directors**

The by-laws of Hydro One provide that directors may receive reasonable remuneration for their services, commensurate with their duties, together with reimbursement for all reasonable expenses incurred in fulfilment of their duties, including travel expenses. The amount of such remuneration is determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. The following remuneration is currently paid to directors:

Retainer for directors	\$25,000 per annum
Retainer for Committee Chairs	\$3,000 per annum
Participation in Board and Committee Meetings	\$900 per meeting

The fees are reviewed periodically but have not been revised since 2001. The President and Chief Executive Officer is not entitled to these fees.

Directors' fees, less statutory deductions, are paid quarterly by direct deposit or cheque as requested.

Rita Burak was appointed as Chair of our Board of Directors on May 30, 2003. Ms. Burak receives annual remuneration of \$150,000 per annum, which was reduced from \$250,000 per annum paid to Board Chairs in the past, and does not receive any additional fees for serving as a director. On December 21, 2007, Rita Burak, Chair of the Board of Directors, announced that she had informed the Minister of Energy that she will not be seeking reappointment in the new year. Ms. Burak will continue as Chair until the Minister of Energy appoints a successor in 2008.

### **Independent Advice**

The Committee engages the services of an independent consultant from the Hay Group to provide advice and counsel on compensation matters, including executive compensation. During 2007, the Committee paid an aggregate of \$29,500 for their advice.

The foregoing report has been made by the members of the Human Resources and Public Policy Committee:

Mr. Doug Speers, Chair

Ms. Kathryn Bouey

Mr. Walter Murray

Mr. Robert Pace

### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The auditor of our company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007 is Ernst & Young LLP, who was first appointed as auditor on January 18, 1999. KPMG LLP has been appointed as the external auditor by the sole shareholder for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008.

### **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

#### **The Audit and Finance Committee's Charter**

Our Audit and Finance Committee's mandate is attached hereto as Appendix "A", which Appendix is hereby incorporated by reference. Appendix "A" reflects the Audit and Finance Committee mandate effective February 13, 2008.

#### **Composition of the Audit and Finance Committee**

As at December 31, 2007, the members of our Audit and Finance Committee are Walter Murray, Murray J. Elston, Robert Pace and Gale Rubenstein. All members are independent and financially literate as such terms are defined under applicable Canadian securities legislation.

## **Relevant Education and Experience**

In addition to each member's general business experience, the education and experience of each Audit and Finance Committee member that is relevant to the performance of his or her responsibilities as an Audit and Finance Committee member is described below.

Mr. Murray is the former Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive Committee of RBC Capital Markets, an international corporate and investment bank. His 38 year career at the RBC Royal Bank included Senior Executive Investment Banking responsibility, Executive head of corporate banking activities for Canada and Regional Executive for RBC's Midwestern USA Corporate Banking operations. Since 2000, Mr. Murray has been a director of Ivernia Inc.'s Board of Directors and Chair of its audit committee. Mr. Murray holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Concordia University majoring in Accounting and Business Administration. He is also a graduate of the Executive Development Program at the Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth University, New Hampshire.

Mr. Elston has held various senior positions in the Government of Ontario including Chairman of the Management Board, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and Minister of Financial Institutions which involved a regulatory function with respect to financial institutions. Mr. Elston has also served in officer positions of several non-profit companies.

Mr. Pace is President and Chief Executive Officer, The Pace Group Ltd., which owns and operates a number of companies across Atlantic Canada. He serves on the Board of Directors of Canadian National Railway Company and is the former chair of its audit committee. He also serves on the audit committee of High Liner Foods Incorporated and Overland Realty Limited. Mr. Pace holds both a Bachelor of Laws and a Masters in Business Administration degree from Dalhousie University. He has completed a corporate director education program at Harvard Business School relating to compensation committees, and a corporate director education course at the Chicago Business School, Stanford Law School and The Wharton Business School (Joint Offering) relating to corporate governance.

Ms. Rubenstein is a partner of the law firm Goodmans LLP, practising law primarily in the areas of commercial insolvency and restructuring with emphasis on financial institutions and on pension restructurings. Ms. Rubenstein holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Osgoode Hall Law School.

## **Audit and Finance Committee Oversight**

There have been no recommendations of our Audit and Finance Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor which have not been adopted by our Board of Directors.

## **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

In accordance with the provisions of its mandate, the Audit and Finance Committee ratifies all non-audit services, as pre-approved by the Committee Chair, to be provided to our company by its external auditor.

## External Auditor Service Fees

(a) *Audit Fees*

The audit fees to be billed by Ernst & Young LLP for fiscal 2007 are estimated to be \$832,000. The audit fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for fiscal 2006 were \$892,700.

(b) *Audit-Related Fees*

The total audit-related fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for fiscal 2007 are estimated to be \$174,000. The nature of the services rendered were: accounting and internal control consultations, audit of the Hydro One Pension Plan, French translations and executive expense review.

The audit-related fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for fiscal 2006 were \$186,800. The nature of the services rendered were: accounting and internal control consultations, audit of the Hydro One Pension Plan, French translation and executive expense review.

(c) *Tax Fees*

There were \$500 of tax fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for fiscal 2007.

There were no tax fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for fiscal 2006 .

(d) *All Other Fees*

There were no other fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP which are applicable for fiscal 2007 or fiscal 2006.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE

### Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of our company (the “Board”) has undertaken an independence assessment and determined that, except as noted below, all of Hydro One’s current directors are “independent” within the meaning of the rules adopted by the Canadian Securities Administrators (the “CSA”). Ms. Laura Formusa, who is the President and Chief Executive Officer of our company and a member of Board of Directors, is not independent.

The Board has separated the roles of Chair and Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Rita Burak was appointed Chair of the Board on May 30, 2003 and is an independent director. The prime responsibility of the Chair of the Board of Directors is to provide leadership to the Board and to enhance Board effectiveness. The Chair, as the presiding member of the Board, also ensures that the relationships between the Board, management, the shareholder and other stakeholders are effective, efficient and further the best interests of our company.

Independent directors hold regularly scheduled meetings at which non-independent directors and members of management are not in attendance. During 2007, seven such sessions without

management were held. As well, the Audit and Finance Committee regularly holds such sessions with the external auditors and with the internal auditor. The Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee meets twice a year with the internal auditor. These sessions encourage open and candid discussion among the independent directors.

### **Summary of Attendance of Directors**

The following table summarises the attendance of individual directors at meetings of the Board of Directors held for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2007.

<b>Director</b>	<b>Board Meetings Attended</b>
Rita Burak	13 of 13
Sami Bébawi	11 of 13
Kathryn Bouey <sup>2</sup>	10 of 12
Murray J. Elston	13 of 13
Laura Formusa <sup>2</sup>	12 of 12
Don MacKinnon <sup>1</sup>	10 of 10
Eileen Mercier <sup>3</sup>	1 of 1
Michael Mueller <sup>2</sup>	10 of 12
Walter Murray	12 of 13
Kathleen O'Neill <sup>4</sup>	0 of 0
Robert Pace <sup>2</sup>	11 of 12
Gale Rubenstein <sup>2</sup>	12 of 12
Douglas E. Speers	12 of 13
Kenneth D. Taylor <sup>5</sup>	1 of 1
Blake Wallace <sup>6</sup>	1 of 1

- (1) Mr. MacKinnon was not in attendance at three Board Meetings because these meetings solely addressed labour relations matters and, as President of the Power Workers' Union, there was a conflict of interest.
- (2) Ms. Bouey, Ms. Formusa, Mr. Mueller, Mr. Pace and Ms. Rubenstein were appointed to the Board of Directors of Hydro One Inc. on March 30, 2007. There were 12 meetings of the Board after that date during 2007.
- (3) Ms. Eileen Mercier resigned from the Board on March 16, 2007.
- (4) Ms. Kathleen O'Neill resigned from the Board on January 24, 2007
- (5) Mr. Kenneth D. Taylor resigned from the Board on February 27, 2007.
- (6) Mr. Blake Wallace resigned from the Board on February 26, 2007.



## Directors' Board Memberships in Other Reporting Issuers

<b>Director</b>	<b>Reporting Issuer</b>
Rita Burak	University Health Network
Eileen A. Mercier <sup>1</sup>	CGI Group Inc., ING Canada Inc., Shermag Inc., Teekay Shipping Corporation, University Health Network
Walter Murray	Ivernia Inc.
Kathleen O'Neill <sup>1</sup>	MDS Inc., TSX Group Inc.
Robert Pace	Canadian National Railway Company, Overland Realty Limited, High Liner Foods Incorporated
Kenneth D. Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Devine Entertainment Corp., Ascendia Brands Inc.

- (1) These individuals were not directors of our company on December 31, 2007. See notes above for specific resignation dates.

## Board Mandate

The Board is responsible for the stewardship of our company and the supervision of management of the business and affairs of our company. The Board's accountabilities and responsibilities include development of our company's approach to corporate governance, the adoption of a strategic plan and the identification of the principal risks of our company's business. The Board has adopted a Mandate, the text of which is set out as Appendix "B", which Appendix is hereby incorporated by reference.

## Position Descriptions

The Board has adopted formal position descriptions for the Chair of the Board and the Board Committee Chairs. The position descriptions of each Committee Chair are set out in the Committees' mandates. In general, Committee Chairs are responsible for the leadership of their Committee as well as reporting to the Board on behalf of the Committee. The Board of Directors has also adopted a position description for the President and Chief Executive Officer, which sets out the key roles and responsibilities for that position.

## Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board has established five standing committees of the Board and one ad hoc advisory committee of the Board and delegates certain of its enumerated responsibilities to each of the Committees. Notwithstanding this delegation, the Board retains its oversight function and ultimate responsibility for all matters delegated to committees.

The five standing committees of the Board are the Audit and Finance Committee, the Corporate Governance Committee, the Human Resources and Public Policy Committee, the Regulatory and

Environment Committee and the Health and Safety Committee. The ad hoc advisory committee of the Board is the Business Transformation Committee (formerly the Information Technology Committee). The roles and responsibilities of each Committee are set out in formal written mandates. These mandates are reviewed at least annually to ensure that they reflect best practices as well as applicable regulatory requirements. A brief summary of each of the Committees' responsibilities follows.

#### *Audit and Finance Committee*

The Audit and Finance Committee is composed entirely of independent directors as required by the Canadian Securities Administrators rules (for more information, see the mandate of the Audit and Finance Committee which is attached). The Audit and Finance Committee oversees the integrity of accounting policies and financial reporting, internal controls, internal audit, significant corporate risk exposures, financial compliance and ethics policies.

#### *Corporate Governance Committee*

The Corporate Governance Committee is composed entirely of independent directors. The Committee acts as the nominating Committee of the Board of Directors and recommends director candidates, committee assignments, director compensation, and corporate governance policy for committees and the board as a whole. The Committee reviews the general and specific criteria applicable to candidates to be considered for nomination to the Board. The objective of this review is to maintain the composition of the Board in a way that provides the best mix of skills and experience to guide the long-term strategy and ongoing business operations of our company. In addition, the Committee leads an annual evaluation of the Board and makes recommendations on modifications of the evaluation process.

#### *Human Resources and Public Policy Committee*

The Human Resources and Public Policy Committee is composed entirely of independent directors. The Committee recommends compensation policy for senior managers, leads the performance review of the Chief Executive Officer, recommends bargaining strategy with respect to the unions, and advises the Board on public policy matters and corporate social responsibility issues. In this regard, the Committee also reviews succession planning and the recommendations for the appointment of persons to senior executive positions. In 2007, Hay Group were retained to review and provide advice on management compensation and on implementation of the Agency Review Panel recommendations on compensation. Also in 2007, the Human Resources and Public Policy Committee engaged the executive recruiting firm of Korn Ferry to advise the Committee and the Board in relation to recruitment of a permanent President and Chief Executive Officer for the company. For additional information relating to the compensation of our company's senior executives, see "Statement of Executive Compensation."

#### *Regulatory and Environment Committee*

The Regulatory and Environment Committee monitors our company's compliance with regulatory and environmental requirements and related risk, reviews related policies and generally oversees processes and procedures related to regulatory and environmental compliance at our company.

### *Health and Safety Committee*

The Health and Safety Committee advises the Board on health and safety policies and standards, oversees compliance with health and safety regulations at our company, and reviews and reports to the Board on our company's emergency preparedness.

### *Business Transformation Committee(formerly the Information Technology Committee)*

The Business Transformation Committee is composed entirely of independent directors and was established as an ad hoc advisory Committee of the Board specifically to assist the Board in its oversight responsibility on matters related to our company's Enterprise Application Systems Replacement Strategy.

The Enterprise Application Systems Replacement Strategy is a strategy to replace our existing customized business applications with commercially available software system applications to simplify our information technology infrastructure and improve the functionality of our business processes.

### **Orientation and Continuing Education**

Upon joining the Board, all new directors are given a Directors Guide to provide them with an overview of the key organizational, financial, regulatory, and operational aspects of our company. The Directors Guide also contains information on the structure of the Board and its committees, committee mandates and general information on a director's obligations. In addition, new directors receive a tour of our company's facilities and briefing sessions with senior management. Orientation sessions with senior management and facility tours provide directors with a thorough understanding of our company's business to assist them in the performance of their legal obligations and duties as directors.

On an on-going basis, as part of regular Board meetings, directors receive presentations and reports on topics related to our company's business. These information items are either suggested by management or may be requested by members of the Board. As well, directors receive information from management in response to any actions arising at a board meeting or otherwise.

### **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has adopted a written Code of Business Conduct ("Code"). The Code sets out a comprehensive set of principles and expectations relating to ethical conduct, conflicts of interest and compliance with laws. The Code is part of Hydro One's internal control framework and applies to all of Hydro One's directors, officers and employees. The Code also applies to Hydro One's agents, consultants, contractors and business partners, to the extent feasible. The Code is posted on the corporate intranet site and on the external corporate website at [www.HydroOne.com](http://www.HydroOne.com).

Our company has a Corporate Ethics Officer who is accountable for making sure that the appropriate actions are taken to investigate and resolve known or suspected violations of the Code, and for ensuring the tracking and reporting of all violations. The Board monitors compliance with the Code through the Human Resources and Public Policy Committee and the Audit and Finance Committee, to whom the Corporate Ethics Officer reports. The Chief

Executive Officer is ultimately responsible for our company's compliance with the Code. Further, the Board of Directors abides by a conflict of interest policy which requires directors to exercise independent judgment when considering transactions and contracts in respect of which a director has a material interest.

### **Board, Committee and Director Assessments and Management's Assessment of the Board**

A process is in place for evaluating the effectiveness of the Board of Directors and its Committees. The process consists of four written questionnaires that are completed annually by each director. The Board of Directors' Assessment addresses the areas of board responsibility, operation and effectiveness. The Individual Director Assessment allows each Director to identify areas for improved development and performance. The Board of Directors' Committee Assessments address areas of committee operations and allows each Committee member to identify areas for improved performance. Management's Assessment of the Board of Directors provides the board with meaningful and constructive feedback on its performance from senior management members. The Directors' responses to the questionnaires are compiled into four summary reports that are reviewed by the Corporate Governance Committee to determine any actions that may need to be taken. The Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee provides a report on the summary reports to the Board. In addition to the written questionnaires, the Chair of the Board also meets annually with each director about individual performance and the effectiveness of the Board.

APPENDIX "A"  
AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MANDATE

1. Pursuant to By-Law No. 1 of Hydro One Inc. (the "Corporation"), a committee of the directors to be known as the "Audit and Finance Committee" (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") is hereby established.
2. The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of four directors, and have membership attributes consistent with applicable requirements under the *Securities Act* (Ontario) and regulations there under including:
  - **Independence.** The Committee shall be comprised of directors who shall meet the independence and audit committee composition requirements set forth by applicable securities regulatory authorities, or any governmental or regulatory body exercising authority over the Corporation, as in effect from time to time. A member cannot accept consulting, advisory or compensatory fees, other than compensation for directors' fees and expenses, from the Corporation.
  - **Financial Literacy.** All members are to be financially literate (or shall become financially literate within a reasonable period of time after appointment to the Committee). A member is financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Corporation's financial statements.
3. The members of the Committee shall be appointed or re-appointed at the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") immediately following each annual meeting of the Shareholder of the Corporation. Each member of the Committee shall continue to be a member thereof until his or her successor is appointed, unless such member shall resign or be removed by the Board or shall cease to be a director of the Corporation. Where a vacancy occurs at any time in the membership of the Committee, it may be filled by the Board and shall be filled by the Board if the membership of the Committee is less than four directors as a result of the vacancy. Whenever there is a vacancy on the Committee, the remaining members may exercise all of the powers of the Committee as long as a quorum remains in office.
4. The Board or, in the event of its failure to do so, the members of the Committee, shall appoint a Chair from amongst their number. If the Chair of the Committee is not present at any meeting of the Committee, the Chair of the meeting shall be chosen by the Committee from among the members present. The Committee Chair shall be responsible for the leadership of the Committee, including the preparation of the agenda, presiding over meetings and determining Committee assignments. The Chair presiding at any meeting of the Committee shall have a casting vote in case of deadlock. The Committee shall also appoint a Secretary who need not be a director.

5. The time and place of meetings of the Committee and the procedure at such meetings shall be determined from time to time by the members thereof provided that:
  - (a) a quorum for meetings shall be three members, present in person or by telephone or other telecommunication device that permit all persons participating in the meeting to speak and hear each other;
  - (b) the Committee shall meet at least quarterly; and
  - (c) notice of the time and place of every meeting shall be given in writing by facsimile communication or electronic mail to each member of the Committee, the internal auditors and the external auditors of the Corporation at least 24 hours prior to the time fixed for such meeting, provided, however, that a member may in any manner waive a notice of a meeting; and attendance of a member at a meeting is a waiver of notice of the meeting, except where a member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called. The Committee may request the external auditors to attend a meeting or meetings of the Committee, the expense of which shall be paid by the Corporation and included within the external auditors' annual fee. A meeting of the Committee may be called by the Secretary of the Committee on the direction of the Chair or Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, by any member of the Committee, the external auditors or internal auditors. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, the Committee shall at all times have the right to determine who shall and shall not be present at any part of the meeting of the Committee.
6. The Committee Chair is responsible for reporting to the Board on behalf of the Committee on matters considered by the Committee, its activities and compliance with this mandate.
7. For purposes of this Section, the term "Corporation" shall include Hydro One Inc. and its subsidiary entities, as defined by Multilateral Instrument 52-110 Audit Committees.

The Committee shall:

- (1) in connection with its advisory functions:
  - (a) review the internal audit procedures of the Corporation and advise the Board on its auditing practices and procedures and obtain adequate assurance that internal controls are adequate;
  - (b) meet separately with the external auditors and internal auditors;
  - (c) review the recommendations of the officers of the Corporation as to the reappointment or appointment of external auditors and make recommendations to the Board with respect to the nomination and remuneration of external auditors to be appointed at each annual meeting of the Shareholder. If a change in external auditors is proposed, the

Committee will inquire as to the reasons for the change, including the response of the incumbent auditors, and inquire as to the qualifications of the newly proposed auditors before making its recommendation to the Board;

- (d) review periodically, reports on the nature and extent of compliance with requirements regarding statutory deductions and remittances, including deductions and remittances under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada) and the *Unemployment Insurance Act* (Canada), the nature and extent of non-compliance together with the reasons therefore and the plan and timetable to correct deficiencies and report to the Board on the status of such matters;
- (e) review and reassess the Committee's mandate at least annually and report to the Board results of the review, including any recommended changes to the mandate;
- (f) the Committee shall meet with management to review and assess the process and systems in place for the review of public disclosure documents that contain audited and unaudited financial information and their effectiveness;
- (g) describe in the annual information form all information about the Committee as required by applicable securities regulatory authorities; and
- (h) review and assess with management and recommend to the Board for approval any material transaction, contract or other matter involving the Corporation and a shareholder, or other person, which owns directly or indirectly voting securities of the Corporation. For this purpose, "material" means any transaction, contract or matter that significantly affects, or would reasonably be expected to have a significant effect on, the financial position of the Corporation or the market price or value of its securities.

(2) In connection with the exercise of its powers:

- (a) review and recommend to the Board for approval:
  - (i) the audited annual financial statements of the Corporation, the annual management discussion and analysis ("MD&A") and any required annual MD&A supplement and related press releases before the Corporation publicly discloses this information;
  - (ii) the Corporation's interim (quarterly) financial statements, interim MD&A and any required interim MD&A supplement and related press releases before the Corporation publicly discloses this

information, unless the Board delegates to the Committee such approval authority as provided in paragraph (b) below;

- (iii) all financial statements in prospectuses and other offering memoranda, and financial statements required by securities regulatory authorities;
  - (iv) the annual information form of the Corporation and any other similar disclosure required to be filed by securities regulatory authorities;
  - (v) any prospectus, offering memorandum of the Corporation, or any amendments thereto. For the purpose of this mandate, reference to “prospectus” includes a preliminary prospectus, a prospectus, or an amendment thereto, but excludes a pricing supplement; and
  - (vi) the annual financing plans and objectives of the Corporation including, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk strategies.
- (b) subject to the authority delegated by the Board, review and approve the Corporation’s interim financial statements, interim MD&A and any interim MD&A supplement, and review and approve the related press releases;
  - (c) discuss with the external auditors results of their review of the interim financial statements and interim MD&A, including any matters external auditors may raise with audit committees under generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards in compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations;
  - (d) review the issuance under a shelf prospectus of the Corporation of debentures, notes and/or other unsecured and secured evidences of indebtedness of the Corporation, in accordance with the authority delegated by the Board and the filing with securities regulatory authorities of any prospectus supplement relating thereto;
  - e) review and oversee the audit plans of the internal auditors and review, pre-approve and directly be responsible for overseeing the work of the external auditors of the Corporation engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor’s report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation, including the resolution of any disagreements between management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting. The Committee has the authority to communicate directly with the internal and external auditors.

The Committee shall also review the degree of co-ordination between the audit plans of the internal auditors and the external auditors and will inquire as to the extent the planned audit scope can be relied upon to



detect weaknesses in internal control, fraud or other illegal acts. Any significant recommendations made by the auditors for the strengthening of internal controls will be reviewed;

- (f) pre-approve all audit and non-audit services to be provided to the Corporation by its external auditors. In connection with non-audit services, the Committee shall adopt specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services ensuring that the non-audit service is not prohibited or restricted by securities regulatory authorities. The Committee may also delegate to one or more of its members the authority to pre-approve audit and non-audit services, in which event the pre-approval of audit and non-audit services by any such member must be presented to and ratified by the Committee at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval;
- (g) review the internal control procedures and management's annual internal control report to ensure compliance with the law and avoidance of conflicts of interest including, without limitation, a review of policies and practices concerning officers' expenses and perquisites, including the use of the Corporation's assets;
- (h) review the duties and responsibilities of internal audit staff respecting controls, procedures and accounting practices of the Corporation;
- (i) review management programs and policies regarding the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls over the accounting and financial reporting systems within the Corporation and, in particular, the Committee will review management's response to the internal control recommendations of the internal and external auditors;
- (j) receive and review regular reports from the internal and external auditors on the appropriateness of the Corporation's significant accounting and disclosure policies and practices and changes thereto, including any areas of management judgment and estimates that have a material effect upon the financial statements, alternative accounting treatments and their ramifications, disagreements between management and the internal and external auditors and include in the review a discussion with the external auditors of the quality, not just acceptability, of accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments, and the clarity and completeness of disclosure;
- (k) review with management, the external auditors and, if necessary, with legal counsel, any litigation, claim or other contingency, including tax assessments, that could have a material effect upon the financial position or operating results of the Corporation, and the manner in which these matters have been disclosed in the financial statements;

- (l) review, at least annually, the Corporation's corporate insurance program;
  - (m) annually discuss with external auditors and report to the Board the auditors' independence from management and the Corporation, and in connection, request their written confirmation of independence and disclosure of relationships they have with the Corporation that may be thought to bear on independence, including non-audit related services and fees and their impact;
  - (n) review the minutes of any audit committee meetings of subsidiary entities of the Corporation and any significant issues and auditor recommendations concerning such subsidiary entities;
  - (o) review the basis and amount of the external auditor's fees in light of the number and nature of reports issued by the auditors, the quality of the internal controls, the size, complexity and financial condition of the Corporation and the extent of internal audit and other support provided by the Corporation to the external auditors and review all other non-audit fees of the auditors or other accounting firms;
  - (p) review management's retention of consulting and professional services, including external legal services, on an annual basis;
  - (q) review and appropriately address any complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters received since the Committee's last meeting, including complaints confidentially submitted by those wishing to remain anonymous; and
  - (r) receive and review any reports of evidence of a material violation of securities laws or breaches of fiduciary duty tabled by the Corporation's legal counsel as a result of an inappropriate response from management.
- (3) review and approve the Corporation's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the current and former external auditor of the Corporation.
- (4) review, at least on an annual basis:
- (a) for information purposes:
    - (i) the major risks to the Corporation's business objectives;
    - (ii) overall financing of risk, including the purchase of insurance;
    - (iii) the risk retention philosophy and risk tolerance guidelines; and

- (iv) loss prevention policies and risk management programs;
  - (b) for approval by the Committee, the Corporation's enterprise risk management policy and framework;
  - (c) and recommend to the Board for approval all risk management strategies, including foreign currency and interest rate risk strategies.
- (5) With respect to the Hydro One Pension Plan and any replacement plan thereof, review the funding policy, the audited annual financial statements, periodic reports detailing the asset mix status and performance of the pension fund and any further pension-related reports or policies to be submitted to the Board, including those resulting from the Terms of Reference of the Pension Committee, the Pension Plan Terms of Reference of the Board of Directors, or the Terms of Reference of the Pension Investments Unit.
8. In instances where members of the Committee believe that in order to properly discharge their fiduciary obligations to the Corporation it is necessary to obtain the advice of independent counsel and other expert advisers, the Committee shall have authority to engage and compensate the appropriate experts. The Board shall be kept apprised of both the selection of the experts and the expert's findings through the Committee's regular reports to the Board.

**APPENDIX “B”**  
**HYDRO ONE INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MANDATE**

**DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The Board of Directors of Hydro One Inc. (the “Board”) is responsible for the stewardship of, and has the duty to supervise the management of, the business and affairs of the Corporation including its Subsidiaries, as defined in the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario).
2. The Board is elected by the sole Shareholder, the Province of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Energy (the “Shareholder”). The Board is responsible for seeking and recommending suitable Board candidates to the Shareholder.

**ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board shall have the accountabilities and responsibilities set out below. In addition, the Board shall perform such duties as may be required under, and act in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario), the Corporation’s by-laws, the Agreement with the Shareholder, dated October 6, 1999 (the “Shareholder Agreement”), as may be amended from time to time, and all applicable laws.

**1. Corporate Governance**

- (a) The Board is responsible for developing the Corporation’s approach to corporate governance, including developing appropriate policies and procedures and delegating such other matters as it sees fit to the Corporate Governance Committee for its review and consideration.
- (b) The Board is responsible for the Corporation’s approach to its governance relationship with its sole Shareholder.

**2. Strategic Planning**

The Board is responsible for:

- (a) adopting a strategic planning process and approving, on at least an annual basis, a strategic plan which lays out the strategic direction of the Corporation in the context of the opportunities and risks of the business and the business and commercial environment in which it operates;
- (b) reviewing and approving the business, financial, strategic and other plans proposed by management to enable the Corporation to execute its strategy;
- (c) adopting processes for monitoring the Corporation’s progress toward its strategic and operational goals, and to revising and altering its directions to management in light of changing circumstances affecting the Corporation;

- (d) taking action when corporate performance falls short of its performance targets or other special circumstances warrant;
- (e) approving the audited financial statements, interim financial statements and the notes and management's discussion and analysis accompanying such financial statements and the Corporation's Annual Information Form; and
- (f) reviewing and approving material transactions outside the ordinary course of business, subject to the Shareholder Agreement.

### 3. **Risk Management**

The Board is responsible for:

- (a) identifying the principal risks of the Corporation's business and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to effectively monitor and manage such risks with a view to the long-term viability of the Corporation;
- (b) overseeing the integrity of the Corporation's internal control and management information systems;
- (c) approving, and monitoring compliance with, all significant policies and procedures by which the Corporation is operated; and
- (d) approving policies and procedures designed to ensure that the Corporation operates at all times within applicable laws and regulations.

### 4. **Human Resources Management**

- (a) The Board is responsible for approving the appointment of the President and CEO. The Board is also responsible for approving the compensation of the President and CEO following a review of the recommendations of the Human Resources and Public Policy Committee.
- (b) The Board will, to the extent feasible, satisfy itself as to the integrity of the President and CEO and other executive officers, and that the President and CEO and other executive officers create a culture of integrity throughout the organization.
- (c) The Board is responsible for ensuring that succession planning programs are in place, including programs to train, develop, monitor and retain senior management, including the President and CEO.

### 5. **Communications and Reporting**

- (a) The Board is responsible for approving and revising from time to time, a disclosure policy to address accurate and timely communications with the Shareholder, bondholders, employees, financial analysts, governments and regulatory authorities, the media and the public.

- (b) The Board is responsible for overseeing the Corporation's reporting to the Shareholder, responses to requests for information and other reporting obligations as set out in the Shareholder Agreement, and for ensuring open and transparent communication with the Shareholder.

**6. Board Meetings and Materials**

- (a) The Chair, in consultation with the President and CEO and the General Counsel and Secretary, shall develop the agenda for each Board meeting.
- (b) Meeting materials shall be provided to directors before each Board meeting in sufficient time to ensure adequate opportunity for review.
- (c) Independent directors (as defined under applicable securities legislation) shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at which non-independent directors including members of management are not present.

**7. Committees of the Board**

- (a) The Board discharges its responsibilities both directly and through its committees: the Audit and Finance Committee, the Corporate Governance Committee, the Human Resources and Public Policy Committee, the Health and Safety Committee and the Regulatory and Environment Committee. In addition to these standing Committees, the Board may from time to time appoint ad hoc Committees to address certain issues of a more short-term nature.
- (b) The Board is responsible for approving the mandates for each Board Committee.
- (c) To facilitate communication between the Board and each Board Committee, each Committee Chair is responsible for providing a report to the Board on material matters considered by the Committee at the first Board meeting after the Committee's meeting.

**DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION**

- 1. Each new director shall participate in Hydro One's Director Education Program and any continuing director development programs.
- 2. Annually, with the assistance of the Corporate Governance Committee, the Board shall evaluate and review the performance of the Board, each of its Committees, each of the directors and the adequacy of this mandate.