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August 7, 1981

Mr. T. M. Murphy,
 Hearings Registrar,
 c/o Environmental Assessment Board,
 5th Floor,
 1 St. Clair Avenue West,
 Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Re: The Consolidated Hearings Act, 1981
Notice to Hearings Registrar regarding
Ontario Hydro's Eastern Ontario
Transmission System Expansion Program

I have been advised that you have been appointed as Hearings Registrar under The Consolidated Hearings Act, 1981 (the "Act"). I enclose herewith, on behalf of Ontario Hydro, written notice requesting you to refer this matter to the Chairman of the Environmental Assessment Board and the Chairman of the Ontario Municipal Board in order that a joint board might be established pursuant to that Act.

This notice also identifies that Ontario Hydro will apply to the joint board for an order deferring hearings on certain aspects of the undertaking and for a further order regarding the giving of notice and filing of documents with respect to the joint board hearings. I would appreciate the opportunity to address the joint board on these items at an early date in order that hearings can in turn be scheduled as soon as conveniently possible. Allowing for the formation of such a board, I would be prepared to deal

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with these matters as early as the week of August 17th.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. B. Campbell". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a large loop at the end.

B. B. Campbell.

IN THE MATTER OF The Consolidated Hearings Act, 1981;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an undertaking of Ontario Hydro consisting of the planning of, selection of locations for, acquisition of property rights for, and the design, construction, operation and maintenance of, additional bulk electricity system facilities in Eastern Ontario consisting of switching and transformer stations, communication and control facilities, transmission lines, and related facilities.

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Ontario Hydro has defined as an undertaking, for the purposes of The Consolidated Hearings Act, 1981, a project consisting of the planning of, selection of locations for, acquisition of property rights for, and the design, construction, operation and maintenance of, additional bulk electricity system facilities in Eastern Ontario consisting of switching and transformer stations, communication and control facilities, transmission lines, and related facilities.

The purposes of the undertaking are to provide for the supply of electric power and energy to meet the load growth forecast to occur in eastern Ontario to the year 2000, and to enable Ontario Hydro to deliver and receive from an interconnection with Hydro Quebec about 2000 MW of electric

power for the mutual benefit of Ontario and Quebec. Ontario Hydro's objective is to achieve these purposes through the acquisition of property rights for, and the construction, operation and maintenance of, the facilities associated with one of the five alternative electrical transmission system expansion programs described in Ontario Hydro's Eastern Ontario Plan Stage Environmental Assessment, one of which programs is recommended for approval by Ontario Hydro.

Hearings in connection with this undertaking are or may be required pursuant to the following Acts:

a) The Environmental Assessment Act, 1975

The Eastern Ontario Plan Stage Environmental Assessment prepared by Ontario Hydro was submitted to the Minister of the Environment pursuant to The Environmental Assessment Act, 1975, and the Minister of the Environment has given notice to the Environmental Assessment Board requiring that Board to hold a hearing with respect to the Assessment. The matters which would otherwise be determined pursuant to The Environmental Assessment Act, 1975, and to be consolidated pursuant to this notice consist of all Environmental Assessment Board hearings which are or may be required in connection with the undertaking defined in this notice, and all decisions, orders and actions required to be made with respect to the said undertaking and pursuant to The Environmental Assessment Act, 1975.

b) The Planning Act and The Ontario Municipal Board Act

The matters to be consolidated consist of all hearings, decisions, orders and actions under these two Acts, including:

- (i) all official plan, restricted area and building by-law amendments which may be necessary in connection with the land uses and facilities associated with this undertaking;
- (ii) all consents which may be required pursuant to section 29 of The Planning Act for the acquisition of property rights for this undertaking; and
- (iii) all minor variances or deviations which may be required to any restricted area or building by-laws applicable to this undertaking.

c) The Expropriations Act (sections 6, 7 and 8)

The matters to be consolidated consist of all hearings of inquiry, decisions, orders and actions which may be required in connection with this undertaking:

- (i) to determine whether the taking of lands is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of Ontario Hydro; and
- (ii) to approve such expropriations as may be required to carry out this undertaking.

Ontario Hydro will apply to the said joint board, pursuant to subsection 5(3) of The Consolidated Hearings Act, 1981, for an order of the joint board deferring to itself those aspects of the matter other than the approval of an electrical transmission system expansion program. Such deferral will be requested for the purpose of enabling the public to participate with Ontario Hydro in studies to identify the preferred locations for the transmission line facilities required to implement the approved program.

Ontario Hydro will also apply to the said joint board, pursuant to subsection 7(2) of The Consolidated Hearings Act, 1981, for an order establishing the requirements as to giving of notice and filing of documents with respect to the joint board hearings.

Ontario Hydro therefore requests the Hearings Registrar to refer this matter to the Chairman of the Environmental Assessment Board and to the Chairman of the Ontario Municipal Board in order that a joint board might be established pursuant to the requirements of subsection 4(2) of The Consolidated Hearings Act, 1981.

Dated at Toronto this 7th day of August, 1981.

B. B. Campbell
of counsel for Ontario Hydro

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