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Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West – 2nd Floor
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mr. Eisenberger:

Re: Upgrade of existing idle 115 kilovolt transmission line (Circuit H9W) in Towns of Lincoln and Grimsby, and City of Hamilton to connect the Niagara Region Wind Farm project

I am writing to update you on the status of Hydro One's plans to connect the Niagara Region Wind Farm (NRWF) project to Ontario's transmission system. The project will involve re-energizing approximately 25 kilometres of an existing 115 kilovolt transmission line, labelled H9W on the enclosed map, which extends from Hydro One's Beach Transformer Station (TS) in the City of Hamilton to Beamsville TS in the Town of Lincoln. Hydro One sent an initial project notification letter to former mayor Bob Bratina in February 2014.

To re-energize the transmission line, Hydro One will replace the conductor with one of higher capacity and upgrade tower cross-arms and foundations in some locations. Four new steel lattice structures will be installed in the Town of Lincoln at the NRWF connection point, as indicated by a triangle on the enclosed map. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2015 and be completed by May 2016. All work will be carried out by Hydro One personnel within the existing corridor, and there will be minimal noticeable difference in the appearance of the transmission line once it has been completed.

This project has undergone a Class EA Screening Process as described under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities* in accordance with the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act*, and has also received Section 92 (Leave to Construct) approval under the *Ontario Energy Board Act*. Hydro One does not expect that adverse environmental effects will result from the proposed work.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be contacted at 1-877-345-6597 or by email at Community.Relations@HydroOne.com.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Steph Hodson".

Stephanie Hodson
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encl: Project Area Map

