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Environmental Registry of Ontario

Re: Support for Hydro One's Proposed Transmission Line Project (ERO posting #025-0656)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on ERO posting #025-0656. On behalf of the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our full support for the Ontario government's proposal to facilitate the development of the Barrie to Sudbury transmission lines.

This project promises to deliver significant economic benefits for our community. The proposed transmission line would enhance the capacity of the local electricity supply and bolster reliability for communities and industries across northern Ontario, which is essential for our continued growth and economic development. Improved infrastructure will attract new businesses, support existing industries and ultimately contribute to a more vibrant and resilient local economy. By unlocking access to clean, reliable energy, the project will also help attract battery manufacturers, electric vehicle supply chain investments and other green economy players looking to capitalize on regional strengths.

We fully support the government's finding that Hydro One is best situated to undertake development work for this project. In addition to their experience as the local transmitter in the region, they also have a strong record of partnership with, and investment in, our community.

We are especially pleased with Hydro One's commitment to work in meaningful partnership with Indigenous communities. Local First Nations have been offered 50 per cent ownership through Hydro One's First Nations Equity Partnership Model, which enables Indigenous communities to participate in revenue sharing, decision-making, local employment and long-term economic benefits. This aligns with our community's broader goal of fostering inclusive and respectful relationships with Indigenous peoples, ensuring they share in the economic and social benefits of local development projects.

In conclusion, we strongly encourage the Ministry of Energy and Mines to approve this proposal and enable this transformative project to proceed. We are confident in Hydro One's ability to deliver this project on time and in collaboration with stakeholders, and we believe it will bring substantial benefits to Greater Sudbury and the broader region.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input to this consultation. Please reach out if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce

