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**Toronto Port Authority**

ERO #026-0019

**RE: Third Line Infrastructure Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Toronto Port Authority (TPA), we are writing to formally express our support for the Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) leadership in advancing the third line infrastructure project for the Province of Ontario.

We recognize the importance of this investment in strengthening grid reliability, enabling future growth, and supporting the province's long-term energy and economic objectives. Projects of this scale and significance require thoughtful planning, collaboration, and transparent engagement with impacted stakeholders, and we appreciate the IESO's continued efforts in this regard.

As a federally regulated organization governed by an independent Board of Directors and accountable to the Minister of Transport, TPA is required to apply structured governance, consultation, and approval of processes to major infrastructure initiatives. Given that portions of the proposed works fall within federally regulated lands and assets under our administration, the project will require review and authorization in accordance with our statutory mandate and delegated authorities.

TPA is committed to constructive participation throughout the lifecycle of this initiative. To support alignment and clarity as the project progresses, we would like to outline our internal consultation and review process:

The Toronto Port Authority  
owns and operates:

BILLY BISHOP TORONTO CITY AIRPORT  
PORT OF TORONTO  
OUTER HARBOUR MARINA

L'Administration Portuaire de Toronto  
possède et exploite :

AÉROPORT BILLY BISHOP DE TORONTO  
PORT DE TORONTO  
MARINA DE L'AVANT-PORT



- **Structured Technical Review:** All project materials are reviewed by our technical and operations teams to assess impacts on infrastructure, safety, and long-term planning considerations. Where project components are proposed within lands or water lots under our administration, proponents will be required to obtain a Facility Alteration Permit (FAP) and Harbour Master's Authorization (HMA) in accordance with our established review and authorization process. FAP and HMA processes will ensure that the project activities and contractor(s) proceed in a safe and navigable manner.
- **Commercial and Legal Assessment:** We evaluate agreements, land use implications, and financial considerations to ensure consistency with existing arrangements and governing frameworks. Where permanent rights or interests in lands or water lots under our administration are required, the proponent will be expected to enter into a formal easement agreement, subject to our statutory mandate and approval processes.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Where applicable, we engage with affected community stakeholders to identify and address operational impacts early. TPA welcomes the opportunity to provide input and share our operational expertise to help inform land and marine route planning, with a view to minimizing impacts and optimizing alignment within our jurisdiction.
- **Executive Oversight and Approvals:** Recommendations are elevated through our governance structure to ensure timely and accountable decision-making. Ongoing port and marine operations must be carefully integrated into project planning, ensure that all proponents are provided with consistent and equitable access to relevant information from TPA throughout the process.



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We believe early coordination and consistent information sharing will be critical to maintaining project momentum while ensuring that stakeholder interests are appropriately addressed. To that end, we welcome ongoing dialogue and regular touchpoints such as scope, timing, and design elements that are refined.

In addition, TPA owns and operates the Port of Toronto. We can offer operational expertise related to the marine shipment of cables and materials, vessel coordination, and construction laydown logistics within the Port.

TPA looks forward to working collaboratively with the IESO and other project partners to support the successful delivery of this important infrastructure investment.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss next steps or coordinate further engagement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RJ Steenstra", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

RJ Steenstra  
President & CEO