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**Rosemarie Leclair** is President and Chief Executive Officer of Hydro Ottawa Holding Inc., having joined the company in May 2005. Wholly owned by the City of Ottawa, Hydro Ottawa Holding Inc.'s principal business is the oversight of its main subsidiary – Hydro Ottawa – a regulated electricity distribution company that is in the business of buying, transforming and distributing electricity. Hydro Ottawa services more than a quarter of a million customers in a service territory of 1,050 square kilometers in the Ottawa area. It has two additional subsidiaries – Energy Ottawa, a power generation company that produces green power from hydroelectric generating stations; and Telecom Ottawa, a specialized telecommunications carrier. Hydro Ottawa has total assets of \$530-million, including \$383-million of capital assets and total revenues of \$616-million. Prior to serving as CEO to Hydro Ottawa, Ms Leclair held a number of senior executive positions including Special Advisor to the Province of Ontario on the Ottawa Congress Centre Expansion Project; Deputy City Manager for the

City of Ottawa's Public Works and Services Department and Commissioner of Corporate Services for the former City of Ottawa. As a senior executive with the City for more than 20 years, Ms Leclair has earned a solid reputation for her ability to manage and negotiate complex issues in the public and corporate sectors, including major organizational and service delivery restructuring initiatives. Her focus over her career has been to improve efficiency, effectiveness and responsiveness of public sector service delivery by adopting the best practices of the private sector while recognizing the standards expected by the community.

Throughout her career, Ms Leclair has assisted and participated in community development projects, exercising corporate and social responsibility. As a leader in the energy sector, she has influenced public policy that will have a positive and long-term impact on environmental sustainability by lending her support, her time and her influence to projects that support those issues. She has sponsored and spoken publicly and in the media about numerous sustainability initiatives including Project Porchlight, the United Way's Winter Warmth Program, the Enviro Centre's Energy Saving Programs and Habitat for Humanity.

Ms Leclair has served as keynote speaker at numerous national conferences on the topic of organizational development and improving service delivery in the public sector including the American Public Works Association, the Canadian Transportation Association, and the Canadian Urban Transit Association, among others. Ms Leclair sits on the Board of Directors for the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation (OCRI) and the Board of the Canadian Electrical Association.

Ms Leclair holds a degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Ottawa. She became a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1985. She is fluently bilingual.