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BY PRIORITY POST

January 13, 2009

Mr. Lewis Balogh
Balogh Farms & Vineyard
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Dear Mr. Balogh:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc.
Application for Transmission Revenue and Rate
Board File No. EB-2008-0272
Eligibility for costs**

The Board has received your request for eligibility for costs, dated January 8, 2009.

The Ontario Energy Board's practice direction contemplates cost eligibility for intervenors which represent the interests of customers generally, not individual ratepayers.

When the Board awards costs to parties representing consumer interests generally, these parties are either established public interest organizations or formal groups of consumers. Board staff has provided you with contact information for two intervenor groups that represent residential ratepayers and low-income ratepayers. While you are a member of a number of organizations, you are not representing those organizations before the Board and those organizations are not intervenors in this proceeding.

The Board does make provision for cost eligibility for landowners related to Leave to Construct proceedings where such landowners will be directly impacted by the construction of a particular transmission facility. The Hydro One application currently before the Board, however, is a rates proceeding and therefore does not affect you directly in your capacity as a landowner.

The Board finds that you will be eligible for an award of costs for your reasonable disbursements for taking part in the proceeding, but these would be limited to items

such as photocopying and postage. You will not be eligible to claim re-imbusement for the time you spend on the proceeding. The Board may consider costs related to travel for some attendance at the proceeding, but we expect parties which are not cross-examining to monitor the hearing via the internet and therefore we would not expect to award travel related costs for attendance every day.

Any award would be dependent upon the Board's consideration of your contribution to the process. No costs are available in advance.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

c: Glen MacDonald, Hydro One Networks Inc.
D. H. Rogers, Rogers Partners LLP