

# SUMMARY OF POSITION OF LARGE DISTRIBUTORS EB-2013-0301

Stakeholder Conference  
October 8, 2013

# Who we Are



- Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.
- Horizon Utilities Corporation
- Hydro Ottawa Limited
- PowerStream Inc.
- Veridian Connections inc.

# Modifications to Current Process

## □ Intervenor Status

- Intervenor to identify their “Substantial interest in a significant issue or issues”
- Intervenor not required to provide evidence of authorization to represent a group or class of stakeholders

# Modifications to Current Process

## □ Cost Eligibility

- Intervenors seeking costs for participation must show evidence of engagement in any stakeholder consultation provided by the applicant, if provided
- Intervenors seeking costs for participation should be required to submit a budget of their participation
  - Budget must recognize that experienced counsel and consultants ( receiving top hourly rates) should have less hours than inexperienced counsel and consultants

# Modifications to Current Process

- Cost Awards
  - ▣ Costs awards will be granted based upon the principles of section 5.01
  - ▣ In addition, intervenors must provide evidence
    1. to show they actively participated in any pre-filing stakeholder engagement, if provided
    2. The claimed costs are focused on the substantial issues they identified during the request stage
    3. Their contribution offered a unique viewpoint (no repeating of positions of other parties)
    4. Taking proactive measures to avoid duplication
    5. That the time claimed was within the pre-filed budget

# Modifications to Current Process

## □ Cost Awards

### ▣ Revenue Requirement portion of Rate Proceeding

- Board Staff to provide first set of interrogatories
- Intervenors to allocate issues amongst intervenors
  - Lead intervenor only party to submit interrogatories/technical conference questions and conduct cross examination
  - Lead intervenor only party to submit argument on issues assigned to them
  - Only lead intervenor can claim costs on issue

# Modifications to Current Process

## □ Role of Board Staff

- Role must be clearly defined
  - a) Act as advisors to Board
  - b) Act as intervenor
- LD is not opposed to Board Staff acting as intervenor provided
  - Role is intervenor of public interest
  - Actively participate in settlement conference
  - Submit argument to address issue of other members of public interest not participating in regulatory process