

December 10, 2018

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2018-0270- Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. to Purchase the Shares of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) by Hydro One Networks Inc. (“HON”) to purchase the shares of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (“Orillia Power”). The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Board’s order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for the delivery of electricity.

On December 10, 2018, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be the following:

1. To assess the impact of the transaction on the customers of both HON and Orillia Power; and
2. To consider any other issues that may arise during this proceeding that could impact residential customers of both utilities, and Ontario ratepayers generally.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many electricity applications over a long period of time, including several proceeding that considered mergers and acquisitions. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all Board Notices and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to me, at 62 Hillside Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 1T5. My telephone number is 416-322-7936 and my e-mail is jgirvan@uniserve.com.

Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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