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**Subject:** Re: EB-2018-0270 Hydro One Networks Inc. - Procedural Order No. 1  
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To the OEB

RE: Intervenor Status for EB-2018-0270

This letter is a response to a request for further information about becoming an intervenor.

My name is Maurice McMillan and I am a Rural, Hydro One Distribution customer. Any rate changes impact me through my hydro bill, through my tax bill (MUSH sector and municipal Hydro costs) and my dwindling available services (closing businesses due to an inability to pay increased hydro costs, i.e. Muskoka Meats). This is the third time that my rates have gone up as a direct result of Orillia's manipulation; the first was the take over of the high voltage transmission lines for the 3 Orillia Power plants in 1990, the second was their direct involvement with the heritage hydro contracts for water power and this would be another potential half a billion dollar subsidy to Orillia when you consider the control hub etc. that mayor Clarke keeps promising. These three situations do not include the tenuous connection Orillia also has to increase rates because of Mr. Mattinson's involvement in the Ontario Water Power Associations sale of power plants to private entities. Rural Ontario is suffering, in no small part because of skyrocketing hydro costs.

I believe I am qualified to speak on behalf of Rural Hydro One customers. I have been a vocal advocate for public power and the rights of rural power consumers for over 20 years. I took a month off work as Power System Operator to campaign against Ernie Eves and Orillia Power to stop the selling of more Hydro stations. I worked in conjunction with the IESO. I predicted the blackout in 2003 in the Orillia Packet and Times. I warned that the selling of Power Houses would escalate power outages and power costs. I participated in stopping the sale of Hydro One to the United States and Adam Beck Power Plant (and control of the great lakes basin) to US interests. I contributed to the cancellation of the construction of an underwater powerline across Lake Erie in 2002. As a member of Orillia council, I introduced a council endorsed resolution to oppose power deregulation of MUSH sector, met with government officials to explain concerns about rising costs due to the impact of NAFTA, sent council endorsed resolutions to Queens Park against the Smart Meter and Coal Closures, introduced a motion to remove electricity retailers licence from selling inflated power contracts. I have worked to stop unnecessary and expensive green energy contracts inside and out of my own municipality. Continue to advocate for representation of the average rural consumer in a power system that seems intent on short-sighted shareholder returns at the expense of a stable province.

I would like to be a part of these proceedings and be kept abreast of claims made by other parties so that I can provide evidence and insight as to why this is not in the best interest of Hydro One Distribution customers. This deal does not pass the do no harm test for Hydro One distribution customers. It is an unending financial burden with no short or long-term benefit.

I would request an award of costs only if there are costs incurred. I am offering my expertise, any costs above and beyond that I would request to be reimbursed for.

Thank You,

Maurice McMillan

On Thu, Dec 20, 2018 at 12:09 PM Shelly-Anne Connell <[ShellyAnne.CConnell@oeb.ca](mailto:ShellyAnne.CConnell@oeb.ca)> wrote:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. and Orillia Power Distribution Corporation**

**Application under sections 86(2)(b), 78, 86(1)(a), 77(5), 74, and 18 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (Act) for leave for Hydro One Networks Inc. to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation**

**OEB File Number: EB-2018-0270**

The OEB has issued its Procedural Order No. 1 with respect to the above matter. Please see the attached document.

Regards,

*Shelly-Anne Connell*

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