

**Hydro One Networks Inc.  
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation**

**Application for approval to purchase all issued and  
outstanding shares of Orillia Power Distribution  
Corporation**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 8  
November 11, 2019**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (Orillia Power) (collectively, the Applicants) filed an application on September 26, 2018, under section 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), requesting approval for Hydro One Inc. to purchase all of the shares of Orillia Power.

To enable the proposed transaction, the Applicants requested various Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approvals.

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 7, issued July 18, 2019, the OEB held a technical conference on October 3 and 4, 2019 for both the Hydro One – Orillia Power<sup>1</sup> and Hydro One – Peterborough Distribution Inc.<sup>2</sup> applications.

On October 28, 2019, the OEB issued a letter requesting submissions from parties to the proceeding as to whether an oral hearing is required, or whether the process should proceed directly to written submissions. Parties were requested to file their submissions by November 4, 2019.

Through submissions, some parties<sup>3</sup> identified aspects of the Applicants' proposed transaction that remained unclear following the technical conference and cited the need for an oral hearing. The OEB does not see the need for further submissions on the type of hearing, as requested by Hydro One. The OEB has reviewed the submissions and agrees that it would be assisted by hearing oral evidence.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2018-0270

<sup>2</sup> EB-2018-0242

<sup>3</sup> Some parties include the following registered intervenors: School Energy Coalition, Consumers Council of Canada, Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition, Energy Probe, Mr. Frank Kehoe

In making the decision to proceed by way of oral hearing, the OEB is not drawing any conclusions on the substance of any claims made by intervenors. The OEB is only determining that an oral hearing is warranted. As is the OEB's practice, all intervenors will have the opportunity to make submissions on the issues in this proceeding and Hydro One will have the opportunity to reply to those submissions.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. A transcribed oral hearing will be held on **December 2, 2019** starting at 9:30 a.m. in the OEB's Offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto to clarify matters arising from the interrogatories only. The oral hearing will continue to **December 4, 2019**. Parties intending to participate are to notify the Applicants, and copy all parties, of the topic areas for questioning on both EB-2018-0242 and EB-2018-0270 proceedings by **November 21, 2019**.
2. Any oral hearing undertakings shall be filed with the OEB no later than **December 18, 2019**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2018-0270** be made in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format and sent electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and email address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have computer access are required to file seven paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Andrew Bishop at [Andrew.Bishop@oeb.ca](mailto:Andrew.Bishop@oeb.ca), and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at [Michael.Millar@oeb.ca](mailto:Michael.Millar@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto November 11, 2019

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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