



August 17, 2009

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor  
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Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. – Application for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change  
AMPCO Request for Intervenor Status  
Board File No. EB-2009-0096

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing pursuant to the Board's Notice of Application and Hearing dated August 4, 2009, to request that the Board grant AMPCO intervenor status in this application. I understand this letter was due to the Board last Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Over-lapping vacation schedules caused us to miss the deadline. I respectfully ask that the Board permit this late submission.

#### **AMPCO's Interest**

AMPCO is a not-for-profit consumer interest advocacy organization. AMPCO's members represent a cross-section of Ontario's major industries: forestry, chemical, mining and minerals, steel, petroleum products, cement, automotive and manufacturing and business consumers in general. AMPCO members are major investors, major employers and a major part of communities in which we operate, across Ontario.

AMPCO, and its member companies, are well known to the Board. AMPCO participates in many proceedings, working groups, consultations and initiatives of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) in which matters of relevance to Ontario's large electricity consumers are being addressed. AMPCO works as far as possible with other industry and consumer interest organizations, both outside and within OEB proceedings. AMPCO has participated as an intervenor in Hydro One's previous Electricity Distribution Rate Change Applications, the most recent being Board File No. EB-2008-0681.

AMPCO's interest in the current application relates to matters that pertain generally to the interests of consumers with respect to price, adequacy, reliability and quality of electricity service. In the current application, AMPCO is specifically interested in the applicant's proposals for substantial cost increases and the allocation of those costs to industrial consumers. Declining demand resulting from a general reduction in economic activity likely will exacerbate the impact of such increases on customers and cause further structural changes in Ontario's manufacturing sector. Any order of the Board pertaining to this application will directly and fundamentally affect major power consumers in the franchise area served by the Applicant.

#### **Costs**

I respectfully request that the Board please confirm AMPCO's eligibility for an award of costs in this matter. AMPCO has been granted intervenor cost awards in other OEB proceedings including previous Hydro One Distribution Rate Applications. The outcome of this proceeding will directly affect AMPCO members.

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**Written or Oral Hearing**

Given the scope of the Application, AMPCO's preference is for an oral hearing to allow for an appropriate opportunity for discussion and examination of the Applicant's evidence.

**Notice**

Please serve all documents and correspondence pertaining to this proceeding to AMPCO and its consultants as follows :

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are questions or further information is required.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam White". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Adam White  
President

Copy to: Hydro One Networks Inc.