

## Common Voice Northwest

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Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. – Application for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change  
Common Voice Northwest Request for Intervener 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 and published in the Atikokan Progress on Monday, August 17, 2009 to request that the Board grant Common Voice Northwest (Energy Task Force) intervener status in this application.

### Common Voice Northwest's Interest

Common Voice Northwest is a newly formed non-profit organization representing the leadership of Northwestern Ontario. It includes as its member organizations, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce, post secondary institutions, public and private labour unions, school boards, training boards and the multicultural/immigration sector. The NOMA Energy Task Force has become one of the task forces under Common Voice Northwest (CVNW).

CVNW is concerned with two aspects of the application:

- 1) that the proposed rate increase will have a negative impact on the ability of the region to enhance its economic future, and
- 2) that the proposed capital construction plan includes key improvements to the provision of and security of supply of electricity through the entire Northwest

### Costs

I respectfully request that the Board please confirm Common Voice Northwest's eligibility for an award of costs. Our predecessor, NOMA Energy Task Force, has been granted intervenor cost awards in one other OEB proceeding – the review of the IPSP.

Yours truly



Iain Angus  
Executive Director

