

Ontario Energy Board

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,
1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Hydro One
Brampton Networks Inc. for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective January 1, 2011.

**SUBMISSIONS ON NEXT STEPS
ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION
("ENERGY PROBE")**

November 8, 2010

**HYDRO ONE BRAMPTON NETWORKS INC.
2011 RATES REBASING CASE
EB-2010-0132**

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In the November 3, 2010 Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 3, the Board noted that a settlement conference was held on October 19, 2010 and that no settlement was reached. The Board ordered that parties may file with the Board and deliver to all other parties on or before November 8, 2010 any submissions on the next steps that the Board should establish for this proceeding, including submissions on which issues should be addressed through written submissions and which, if any, should be considered as part of an oral hearing.

Energy Probe has reviewed the record in this proceeding as it currently stands and believes that an oral hearing would be the best way to proceed for a number of issues where further clarification is required. Much of the additional clarification is required because of the change from an IFRS based revenue requirement to a CGAAP based revenue requirement, which is reflected in the numerous appendices that were filed, many of which are referred to in the response to Board Staff interrogatory #52 (Exhibit 12, Tab 1, Schedule 52).

Energy Probe is likely to have further questions on all issues with the exception of the following: depreciation, capital structure, short term debt cost, LRAM & SSM, rate design, cost allocation, loss factors and recovery of the transmission related costs. In addition, questions related to rate base are likely to be limited to the green energy capital expenditures, the impact of the HST on capital expenditures, the working capital allowance calculation and one or two of the non-green energy capital expenditures forecast for 2010 and 2011.

As a result, Energy Probe submits that the Board would be assisted with an oral hearing dealing with rate base/capital expenditures noted above, OM&A expenses, taxes, distribution revenues, other revenues, cost of long term debt, and balances for clearance of and requests for deferral and variance accounts.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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