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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for a Six Month Exemption from the Timelines for the Connection of Micro-Embedded Generators

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") has applied to the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") for a six month exemption from the required timelines to connect micro-embedded generation facilities to Hydro One's distribution system. Hydro One states the volume of requests to connect micro-embedded generation projects has been well beyond its expectations and that it expects the volume of connection requests to continue to increase. Hydro One also requests an immediate interim stay of obligations from the timelines for the connection of micro-embedded generation facilities as of the date the application was filed and until the Board renders a final decision on the matter.

The timelines Hydro One is currently required to meet and for which it has applied for a six month exemption are found in sections 6.2.6 and 6.2.7 of the Ontario Energy Board's Distribution System Code ("DSC").

Those sections require a distributor make an offer to connect or provide reasons for refusing connection of micro-embedded generation facilities within:

- 15 days if the applicant is located at an existing customer connection; or
- 60 days if the applicant is not located at an existing customer connection.

In either case, the distributor is not permitted to charge for the preparation of the offer to connect and must give the applicant at least 30 days to accept the offer to connect. The distributor is not permitted to revoke the offer to connect until the 30 day period has expired.

The DSC also requires the distributor to connect the applicant's micro-embedded generation facility to its distribution system within 5 days of an applicant informing the distributor that it has:

- received all necessary approvals;

- provided the distributor with a copy of the authorization to connect from the Electrical Safety Authority;
- entered into a Connection Agreement; and
- paid the distributor for the connection costs, including costs for any necessary new or modified metering.

During the six month exemption, Hydro One proposes to conform to sections 7.2.1 and 7.2.3 of the DSC, which require that connections must be completed within five business days from the day on which all applicable service conditions are satisfied, or at a later date agreed to by the customer and distributor. Sections 7.2.1 and 7.2.3 also stipulate that this requirement must be met at least 90% of the time on a yearly basis.

Hydro One states a period of six months would be sufficient to allow it to deal with the anticipated high volume of micro-embedded generator applications to manage its activities through the summer construction, new connects and high load periods, and to make any necessary revisions to business processes.

Written Hearing

Hydro One has requested this matter proceed by way of written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must file with the Board written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary and copy these reasons to the applicant within **10 days** of the publication or service date of this notice.

Interim Order

Hydro One has also asked the Board to immediately but temporarily relieve Hydro One of its obligations under Section 6.2.6 and 6.2.7 of the DSC from the date that Hydro One filed its application until the date the Board renders its decision on the exemption request. If you would like to make a submission on this request for immediate relief you must provide your written submission to the Board and copy Hydro One within **10 days** of the publication or service date of this Notice. Hydro One may file a response to any submissions made on its request for immediate relief with the Board no later than **17 days** following the date of the publication or service date of the Notice and shall copy all parties that made submissions on this issue.

How to See the Application

A copy of the application and related documents may be viewed at the Board's offices listed below or on the Board's website at:

<http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/html/dscexemption>.

A copy can also be viewed at Hydro One's office at the address indicated below or on its website here: <http://www.hydroone.com/Generators/Pages/Feed-inTariff.aspx>.

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

1. Become an **intervenor** by sending a letter of intervention to the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice;
2. Send a **letter with your comments** to the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice; or
3. Become an **observer** by sending a request for observer status to the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice.

YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS TREATED DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON HOW YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING:

- **Intervenors** - everything you file with the Board, including your name and contact information, will be placed on the public record (i.e., the public file and the Board's website).
- **Letters of comment or observers** - the Board removes any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment or the request for observer status (i.e., address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual), however, your name and the content of the letter of comment or of the request for observer status will become part of the public record.

Need more information?

- For more information about the application, please visit <http://www.hydroone.com/Generators/Pages/Feed-inTariff.aspx> or please call Hydro One toll-free at 1-877-447-4412 (Option #2).
- For more information on how to participate please go to the Board's website at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry/Regulatory+Proceedings/Hearings/Participating+in+a+Hearing> or call the Board at 1-888-632-6273 (toll free).

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IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

DATED at Toronto, June 22, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary