

Hydro One Networks Inc. - Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for a six month exemption from the obligations in Section 6.2.6 and 6.2.7 of the Distribution System Code

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Letter of Comment

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Comments

I am concerned that Hydro One has over stated the impact of the microFIT applications.

For the first 12 months or more of the FIT program, the OPA has taken up to 9 months to process applications. This slowed down the industry to the point that 95% of businesses, went out of business. The processing is now about 6 weeks.

The average number of applications processed, irrespective of the number of applications being made, has, for example most recently, been 1673 between April 1st and June 10th or an average of 23 per day.

The generation of electricity in Ontario can reach a peak of over 25000Mw when all generators are going. Of this capacity of 25000Mw, over the past 20 months, the OPA has connected 16Mw in FIT and 47Mw in microFIT. A very dismal perance indeed. As a comparison, Germany, under the German Green Energy Act, connected over 1000Mw last year alone, for a total of 17000Mw in the 10 years the program has been running.

So far, as of June 10th 2011, only 5,415 contracts for microFIT have been executed, representing the aforementioned 47Mw of generation.

The Green Energy Act and the Feed-in Tariff program were created to off-set the pollution producing generation of electricity and provide our later generations with a start to ending our dependency on fossil fuels.

More power from the sun touches the earth in a single hour than we use in a year. Harnessing the sun's energy is our path to a clean environment.

Hydro One appears to be using stalling tactics until the political climate changes. It appears Hydro One does not support a clean and bright future, but rather wants status-quo. The old paradigm.

Hydro One is not the only LDC in Ontario and therefore cannot state that the total number of applications affects their operations. I would like to see OPA show the number of connections that are Hydro One versus the other LDC's.

Hydro One has known about the Green Energy Act since its inception and is totally aware of the number of applications processed by the OPA which is all public knowledge. Surely, with the size of this company, have they not yet realized that with a program such as microFIT a certain number of the households in Ontario would make applications? There are 3 million households in Ontario. 30,000 applications over the first 20 months and 5000 connections over the same period must surely have been expected. When we look at the Feed-in Tariff programs of the other 19 countries that created a

FIT program before us, surely Hydro One would have looked at the impact this has had on these other countries and would have accounted for a similar impact here?

Hydro One should not be allowed to stall any longer.