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**Regarding the Hearing for Hydro One Networks Inc.**

**EB-2011-0118**

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Lambton Shores, Country of Lambton.

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**IN THE MATTER OF** The Ontario Energy Board hearing of an application by Hydro One Networks Inc. seeking exemption to sections of the Distribution System Code DSC, relating to the connection of micro-embedded generators to its distribution system.

1)

## BACK GROUND:

We originally sent our MicroFIT Application into the OPA on March the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We felt this was a good thing for Ontario – getting rid of the Coal Power Plant and going with Green Energy. It was also good for my wife and myself because we were beginning our retirement time of life and this helped us financially – so we started the process to borrow the money to be ready when we got the word.

Word came from OPA the end of September, 2010 and our installer submitted the Form “C” to DX Generation on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. They confirmed receiving it November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. At that time we were told by DX Generation that it was just a matter of time for the Offer from them to come. We had a time frame there before the winter weather set in to complete the in ground part of the solar system, so we went ahead. December, January and February we phone DX Generation at least 3 times a week and sent them numerous e-mails. When could we expect the connection to take place? On February the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 we got our e-mail telling us there were constraints and that was all, now we play the waiting game. We have still continued to call and e-mail them on a regular basis. In fact my wife talked to Mark Hogan last on Tuesday morning August the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

## INTERVENOR’S VIEWS:

The time frame from November to February, which is how long it took to be advised of the constraints, is **just way too long**. I was not the only one in this position there were thousands of us. According to the Ontario Power Authority web site they listed numbers on a monthly basis:

Month	Total Applications	Conditional Offers
September/29	20,584	12,153
Oct/12	21,084	14,011
Nov /24	22,620	16,345
Dec /6	23,154	17,002
Jan / 21	24,773	19,016

I am sure you were inundated with Form “C” applications but it didn’t seem to make you comply with your mandate and Codes that were established by the OEB. As far as I have been able to tell, you have been dragging your feet and put a stop to **NOTHING** – which if you had said wait a minute **WOW** – way back when, there would be a lot of us not in as big a debt as we are now. By the middle of February, we had spent \$100,000.00 dollars, which we considered an investment in our future and now all we do is pay interest and principal towards this debt with no offsetting revenue.

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I would like to know when you first advised the OEB that you had compliance problems. I advised Hydro One Networks in the spring, about the non-compliance issues that I had with them. What was the date Hydro One advised the OEB that they needed a temporary extension? Or did they even do that? While your non-compliance has cost me \$100,000.00 with ongoing interest monthly, **WHAT PENALTY HAS YOUR NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUE COST HYDRO ONE NETWORKS.**

There was definitely a real lack of communication on the part of all parties involved - think of things like what happens in a foot ball game, players get in a huddle, discuss the plays that are going to be made. Everyone works to one common goal – working together and winning. This would be nice, it makes sense for businesses as well , especially government boards. They are put in place to operate as a check but they should also work and help one another for the common good of us Ontarians who pay your wages and huge bonuses.

We know that this 6 month extension does not affect our situation, but for those new applicants - are you going to work towards stream lining your process, so that you are better able to hit the target dates as required by the OEB. How do you propose to do this stream lining process?

It should also be noted that there are a number of smaller hydro Companies that I have been in contact with over the past 6 months:

- Bluewater Hydro – Sarnia, Ontario
- Waterloo North Hydro, Waterloo County
- Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro – Kitchener/Wilmot , Ontario

These companies have had no trouble connecting their customers, who have submitted applications and some of them at a much lower cost than Hydro One Networks. For example Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro only charges \$500.00 for a connection fee, which is considerably less than Hydro One Networks.

There is another situation that I talked to Hydro One about – there is a farmer that has a farm in Perth County and purchased a second farm across the road in Waterloo County. The solar system is up on the Perth side of the Road and Hydro One have turned him down, but 6 months ago or more, on the Waterloo side, he was granted a connection on the same hydro lines and going to the same Distribution Service Centre. How could he get approval for one and not the other?

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Witness:

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