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From the desk of Nicholas Copes

Date: JULY 18, 2012To: BOARD SECRETARYCompany: ONT. ENERGY BOARDFax Number 416-440-7656Re: Hydro One Networks Inc.  
Notice of Application and Hearing EB-2012-0136

Comments: We are sending you a copy of our application for Intervenor Status in the above proceedings.

We are faxing you three pages including this cover page. If you do not receive all of the pages indicated, please call and we will re-send the missing pages.

**EB-2012-0136**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Ontario Energy Board, Rules of Practice and Procedures,  
Intervenor Status, Section 23.

## **NOTICE OF INTERVENTION**

**OF**

## **BALSAM LAKE COALITION**

1. The Balsam Lake Coalition applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.
2. The Balsam Lake Coalition (BLC) is comprised of two seasonal customers of Hydro One Networks Inc. (HON), who are located on Balsam Lake, City of Kawartha Lakes. This intervention would also, by extension of interests, affect all 157,000 seasonal customers in the Province of Ontario.
3. The Coalition's members have, over the last several years, canvassed the opinions of various cottage owners and seasonal groups in Ontario. The members have found, almost universal agreement, that HON's seasonal customers are very unsatisfied with the huge disparity in electricity rates between year-round residential (YRR) customers and seasonal residential (SR) customers, both of which may be located on the same road.
4. BLC's intended participation will focus on the following issues:
  - i) the proposed huge disparity in delivery rates for the same amount of power. For example (a/o the Jan 1, 2012 rate schedule, which is little changed for proposed 2013 schedule) SR customers were charged approx. \$193.00 to \$702.00 more per annum (depending on consumption, density and including delivery, regulatory and debt retirement) for the same amount of power as YRR.
  - ii) the fact that SR customers are located in all three density zones (HD, MD or low Density) and pay the same rate in all three zones, whereas YRR receive lower rates in the HD & MD density zones.
  - iii) HON's criteria to define a SR customer have no relevance to HON's cost to service said SR customer. For example a SR customer must comply with the following criteria: a) SR customer owns permanent residence elsewhere, b) SR occupant must live in his permanent residence at least 4 of 7 days per week and at least 8 of 12 months per year, c) SR's permanent address must appear on driver's licence and tax bill and d) SR customer must be enumerated for elections at his permanent address. We submit the above criteria have no relevance in HON's costs to provide electric services to residential customers.

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iv) It is a well established legal principle that corporations that provide a monopoly service to the public should fix fair, equitable and non-discriminatory rates. The *Electricity Act 1998* (Sec. 1 and Sec. 26, 1) specifically states that electric utilities must not discriminate between customers on pricing.

v) The SR class does not have a unique cost profile that differs materially from YRR and therefore the SR class should be eliminated and merged with the YRR class.

5. The Coalition intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, oral hearings and in oral or written submissions as required by the Board.

6. The Coalition will request disclosure of customer consumption profiles from HON and intends to submit same as exhibits in support of its arguments, together with other charts that will also be submitted as evidence in support.

7. The Coalition intends to apply for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred in the course of its intervention. The Coalition would prefer to be represented by a lawyer, however if no reimbursement of legal costs is indicated, it will proceed unrepresented.

8. The Coalition requests that all documents or notices be sent as follows:

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