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Date: AUGUST 15TH 2012

To: KIRSTEN WALLI

Company: ONT. ENERGY BOARD

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Re: EB-2012-0136, Hydro One Networks Inc., Procedural Order # 1

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Ms. Kirsten Walli
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Dear Ms. Walli:

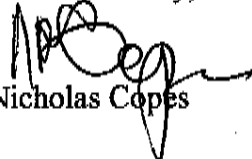
Re: EB-2012-0136 – Hydro One Networks Inc., 2013 IRM Distribution Rate Application, Comments Respecting Procedural Order # 1 and Draft Issues List

Balsam Lake Coalition (BLC) has reviewed the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB's) Procedural Order No. 1 issued on August 10, 2012 and respectfully requests that certain decisions be reconsidered.

The OEB has stated that BLC's interest relates to the classification of customers and the manner in which costs are allocated. BLC does not disagree with this statement. The OEB further states that these matters are not dealt with in an IRM hearing unless adjustments to cost allocations had been predetermined in a previous cost of service hearing. If the OEB's decision stands, it would have the effect of prolonging an inequitable rate structure for at least one more year and possibly several more years. The approximately 157,000 seasonal customers of Hydro One Networks Inc. (HON) have suffered unfair pricing for many, many years. Many seasonal customers are paying up to \$700.00 more per year for the same amount of power as their next door, residential neighbor. HON's seasonal customers are entitled to have their issues adjudicated as soon as possible. I would remind the Board that "justice delayed is justice denied".

The OEB has also found that BLC is not eligible for an award of costs. BLC would respectfully suggest that these issues should be decided on their merits and not based on who can afford the best lawyer. Therefore, in order to have a "level playing field", BLC should be represented by a qualified lawyer who is familiar with the OEB procedures.

Yours sincerely,


Nicholas Copes