Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2012-0082

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an Order granting leave to construct to upgrade existing transmission line facilities.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy Presiding Member

> Cynthia Chaplin Member and Vice-Chair

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS January 2, 2013

## Background

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated March 28, 2012 under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. Hydro One sought an order of the Board granting leave to construct to upgrade 70 km of transmission line facilities between Lambton TS and Longwood TS in the west of London area. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0082 to the application.

On June 15, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 2, granting Chippewas of the Thames First Nation ("COTTFN") intervenor status and cost award eligibility. However, the Board noted that cost eligibility would be restricted to matters directly within the scope of this proceeding.

On November 8, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for COTTFN to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One.

The Board received a cost claim from COTTFN. On December 3, 2012, Hydro One filed a letter stating that it would request the Board ensure that all supporting documentation had been received and match what had been claimed. Hydro One also requested the Board ensure that the solicitor's time allocation was properly apportioned in its summary and that the claim was just and appropriate.

### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed COTTFN's cost claim. The Board finds that COTTFN is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that COTTFN's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hydro One.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One shall immediately pay Chippewas of the Thames First Nation \$20,070.70.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

#### **DATED** at Toronto, January 2, 2013

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary