

EB-2013-0141

**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 approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2014

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 August 22, 2013

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on April 26, 2013 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro One charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2014. The Board assigned file number EB-2013-0141 to the application.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated May 24, 2013. On June 27, 2013 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, which among other matters, established the list of intervenors and granted cost award eligibility. The Board indicated that it would proceed by way of an oral hearing and also established a process for interrogatory submissions and a technical conference. The technical conference was held on August 9, 2013.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board will issue further procedural orders from time to time.

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- A Settlement Conference will be convened on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, starting at 9:30 a.m., with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. The Settlement Conference will be held in the Board's ADR room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto, and may continue until September 5, 2013, if needed.
- 2. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **September 20, 2013**. If settlement was achieved, the Board will review the Settlement Proposal at the oral hearing. If partial settlement was achieved, the Board will review the settled issues and then follow with the oral hearing on the unsettled issues.
- 3. The oral hearing will commence on **Monday, September 30, 2013** in the Board's West hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, at 9:30 am.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2013-0141, be made through the Board's web portal at <a href="https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/">https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</a>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <a href="http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry">http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</a>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Harold Thiessen at <a href="mailto:harold.thiessen@ontarioenergyboard.ca">harold.thiessen@ontarioenergyboard.ca</a> and Board Counsel, Michael Millar, at <a href="mailto:millar@ontarioenergyboard.ca">michael.millar@ontarioenergyboard.ca</a>.

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**DATED** at Toronto, August 22, 2013

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