# Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2013-0053

**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 or orders pursuant to section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for Leave to Construct upgraded electricity Transmission Line Facilities in the Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge-Guelph area.

**BEFORE:** Paula Conboy

**Presiding Member** 

Emad Elsayed

Member

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS November 1, 2013

### **Background**

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application on March 11, 2013, with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 92 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998. The application is for an order of the Board granting leave to upgrade existing electricity transmission line facilities in the Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge-Guelph area.

On April 26, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Environmental Defence intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On September 26, 2013, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One.

The Board received Environmental Defence's cost claim. On October 10, 2013, Hydro One requested that the Board ensure that all the disbursement receipts have been received and match with what has been claimed.

## **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed Environmental Defence's cost claim. The Board finds that Environmental Defence is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that Environmental Defence's cost 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 the Environmental Defence \$28,061.87.
- 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, November 1, 2013

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary