**EB-2013-0416**

**February 11, 2014**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998;

**AND IN THE MATTER** of an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. For an Order or Orders approving rates for the distribution of electricity, to be effective on January 1st 2015 and continuing for a five year period ending on December 31st 2019.

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION**

**OF**

**BALSAM LAKE COALITION**

1. Balsam Lake Coalition hereby applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.
2. Balsam Lake Coalition (BLC) is comprised of several seasonal customers of Hydro One Networks Inc. (HON). BLC has canvassed the opinions of various cottage groups and has found that a large number of seasonal customers are very dissatisfied with the huge disparity in electricity rates between year-round and seasonal customers of HON, both of whom are located on the same road and are using the same feeders and transformers etc., and yet have very different rates.
3. This dissatisfaction may be confirmed by perusing the SEASONAL FOCUS GROUP REPORT, obtained by HON (July/Aug. 2013), and which is filed together with the above application.
4. BLC’s intended participation will focus on the following issues:
5. There appears to be no valid reason to have a separate, seasonal residential class (SR) because the SR cost profile does not differ materially from the year-round residential class, cost profile.
6. HON’s criteria to define “seasonal customers” as short duration, summer use only, is no longer appropriate, because the majority of said seasonal customers have winterized their properties and are capable of year-round use.
7. HON appears to have deviated from generally accepted rate-making principles, such as:
8. equal customers should pay equal rates & unequal customers should pay unequal rates,
9. rates should be based upon density zones as recommended by the recent Density Study,
10. rates should be a true & accurate reflection of HON’s cost to provide service,
11. rates should be non-discriminatory between customers as per *The Electricity Act 1998,*
12. BLC intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, settlement conferences, written or oral submissions, as well as any process the Board should order.
13. BLC has participated in several previous settlement conference & also has participated in several Stakeholder Consultations.
14. BLC hereby applies for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred, including travel, parking and legal counsel. Said legal counsel costs may be mitigated by combining with another intervenor’s

counsel.

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

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