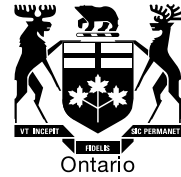


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May 27, 2014

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Dear Mr. Copes,

**Re: EB-2013-0416 Hydro One Networks Inc. – 2015-2019 Distribution Rate Application – Recovery of Costs**

The Ontario Energy Board has received and considered your letter of May 20, 2014 inquiring about the recovery of the costs of a lawyer to assist the Balsam Lake Coalition in its intervention in the Hydro One Networks Inc. distribution application EB-2013-0416. Please refer to the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, which is posted on the Board's website.

Cost-eligible intervenors such as Balsam Lake Coalition may claim the fees paid to counsel they hire, up to the maximum hourly rate set out in the Board's Cost Award tariff. The tariff is Appendix A to the *Practice Direction*. Your lawyer and any other person whose costs are to be claimed will need to keep records in sufficient detail to enable Balsam Lake Coalition to complete the Cost Claim for Hearings form and the forms requiring details of fees and disbursements being claimed, also available on the Board's website.

Section 5.01(d) of the *Practice Direction* indicates that an important factor for the Board in deciding whether to allow a cost claim is that the party made reasonable efforts to combine its intervention with that of one or more similarly interested parties. The Board notes that the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations and Mr. Pat Hurley are also interested in the seasonal rates issue. To facilitate recovery of any legal costs you incur, the Board recommends that you make reasonable efforts to combine your efforts with these other intervenors in preparing interrogatories and argument in the proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

C: to all parties in the proceeding EB-2013-0416