

Ontario Energy Board

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, 2015, each year to December 31, 2019.

Hydro One Distribution Claims for Confidentiality

Submissions of

Energy Probe Research Foundation

Per Rule 10 of the Board's Practice Direction

July 29, 2014

Attachment

Hydro One Requests for Confidential Treatment of IR Responses per Rule 10.01 Energy Probe Submissions		
Item Description	Hydro One Claim for Confidentiality	Energy Probe Submission
July 17, 2014 Correspondence from HO Regulatory		
I-1.1-CCC 3 – Attachment 1 “Briefing to the Ministry of Energy: 2015-2019 Distribution Rate Filing (December 3, 2013)”;	Applicable securities laws require be treated as confidential (see s.6 of Appendix B of the Board’s Practice Direction on Confidential Filings):	Agree in principle. However, Parties to Hydro One Transmission Settlement discussions already have a Copy of TX 2015 and 2016 Financial Information provide following release of a Public Statement from Hydro One Regulatory.
I-1.1-SEC 1 – Attachment 2 “Hydro One Inc. 2014 Budget & 2015-2019 Business Plan” (November 14, 2013); and	As above	Agree
I-2.6-Staff 36 – Attachment 1 “Distribution Cost Escalation Tables”.	As above	Agree
I-2.6-SEC 8 – Attachment 1 “IHS Global Insight Power Planner, Fourth-quarter 2012”, a non-public proprietary report prepared by IHS Global Insight Utility Cost Information Service, which contains long-term trend forecasts covering the period 2011-2022 at the macro-economic level and in construction and OM&A costs for electricity and gas utilities;	Public disclosure of any of the above-named documents would be significantly prejudicial to the competitive position of, and would result in undue loss to, IHS Global Insight, which earns revenue from sales of such proprietary reports and data compilations.	This Document was issued in the first quarter of 2013 and has been <i>superseded</i> by the Spring IHS Global Insight 2013-2024. Forecast. Accordingly its Commercial value is questionable. If required, Hydro One should obtain permission from IHS Global Insight to disclose the sources of its 2013-2014 assumptions in its Application, on the grounds of HO regulatory requirements. (The latest Spring IHS Global Insight 2014 Forecast is not being used in the Application)
I-2.6-SEC 8 – Attachment 2 “Inflation and Exchange Rate Forecast” (February 2013) a non-public proprietary report prepared by IHS Global Insight, which contains forecast summaries of economic indicators for the period 2012-2022 and historical data on economic indicators for 1998-2011;	Public disclosure of any of the above-named documents would be significantly prejudicial to the competitive position of, and would result in undue loss to, IHS Global Insight, which earns revenue from sales of such proprietary reports and data compilations.	As Above
I-2.6-SEC 8 – Attachment 3 “IHS Global Insight Power Planner, First-quarter 2014”, a non-public proprietary report prepared by IHS Power Planner Service (formerly known as IHS Global Insight Utility Cost Information Service), which contains long-term trend forecasts covering the period	Public disclosure of any of the above-named documents would be significantly prejudicial to the competitive position of, and would result in undue loss to, IHS Global Insight, which earns revenue from sales of such proprietary reports and data compilations.	As Above

2013-2024 at the macro-economic level and in construction and OM&A costs for electricity and gas utilities;		
I-2.6-SEC 8 – Attachment 4 “Inflation and Exchange Rate Forecast” (2014), a non-public proprietary report prepared by IHS Global Insight which contains forecast summaries of economic indicators for the period 2014-2024 and historical data on economic indicators for 1998-2013.	Public disclosure of any of the above-named documents would be significantly prejudicial to the competitive position of, and would result in undue loss to, IHS Global Insight, which earns revenue from sales of such proprietary reports and data compilations.	As Above
I-2.6-SEC 8 – Attachment 1 “IHS Global Insight Power Planner, Fourth-quarter 2012”, a non-public proprietary report prepared by IHS Global Insight Utility Cost Information Service, which contains long-term trend forecasts covering the period 2011-2022 at the macro-economic level and in construction and OM&A costs for electricity and gas utilities;	Public disclosure of any of the above-named documents would be significantly prejudicial to the competitive position of, and would result in undue loss to, IHS Global Insight, which earns revenue from sales of such proprietary reports and data compilations.	As Above
July 25, 2014 Correspondence from HO Regulatory re TCQs		
I-3.1-SEC-22, Hydro One Networks has filed with the Board a confidential copy of the outsourcing RFP issued in 2013 to pre-qualified suppliers.	Contains Information on Hydro One Costs that may influence bidders on the Inergi replacement Outsourcing Contract	Agree Should remain Confidential until the result of the Outsourcing RFP is known and made available to the Board.
I-Tab 4.2Staff 63; ISG Inergi Benchmarking Study	HO provides an electronic copy of the Inergi fees benchmarking study.(Redacted)	As filed (all fields even signatures and dates are Redacted) the document has zero utility to the Board. The data appear to be Benchmarking Inergi’s current 2014 fees and as such the majority of the information should be placed on the public record. The exception is identity of the Peer Group. which should only be disclosed under a Confidentiality Declaration
I-2.6-Energy Probe-23, Customer Satisfaction Surveys provided by synovate under contract to Hydro One (Redacted)	Hydro One will not file an un-redacted copy of the Customer satisfaction Surveys. The surveys contain Confidential information on both other utilities and Hydro One customers	The Surveys reflect the views and satisfaction of Hydro One Customers compared to those of Other utility customers in the Comparison Group. The information is relevant to the issues related to customer satisfaction in this Application. All survey data should be placed on the public record. With the exception of the identity of the peer group. That should be disclosed under a Confidentiality Declaration (as in Mercer Benchmarking Studies)