



# TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

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September 11th, 2014

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4


Dear Ms. Walli,

Re: EB-2014-0213

Please find enclosed the interrogatories of the Township of Zorra with respect to the MAAD application file by Hydro One for the purchase of the assets of Woodstock Hydro Inc.

Should you have any questions, or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

  
For Donald W. MacLeod  
Chief Administrative Officer

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IN THE MATTER OF *the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B)*;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the application by Hydro One Inc. for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Woodstock Hydro Holdings Inc. under section 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. for leave to dispose of its distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 86(1)(a) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Hydro One Networks Inc. seeking to include a rate rider in the 2014 Ontario Energy Board approved rate schedule of Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. to give effect to a 1% reduction relative to 2012 base electricity delivery rates (exclusive of rate riders) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

**INTERROGATORIES  
FROM THE  
Township of Zorra**

- A. Has there been a comprehensive review of response times to areas currently serviced by Hydro One's Beachville Operations Centre? How will Hydro One Inc. mitigate response times if they are found to be outside of normal acceptable times, once the operations centre has been relocated?
- B. Has a site been selected by Hydro One Inc. for a new operations centre? Was a business case prepared for the cost of purchasing property, construction of new centre, decommissioning of the Beachville site and any other costs associated with the proposed new site? If so, please provide documentation of the business case and the timing of its approvals. If not, how did Hydro One determine that agreeing to the new location as part of its agreement with the Town of Woodstock was cost effective and was in the best interest of its current customers.
- C. Have the costs associated with the service centre questioned above been factored into the rates for present Woodstock customers? If so, how will Hydro One be recovering this cost from its customers and what is the impact to its customers, for both Hydro One and Woodstock Hydro customers?

- D. In the proposed rental agreement between the Town of Woodstock and Hydro One for the Nellis St. Property, the rental rate is listed as \$2 per year for a period of up to 8 years. Municipalities are not permitted to provide below market rental rates which contravenes Section 106 of the Municipal Act. Accordingly The City of Woodstock therefore cannot rent property to Hydro One at below market costs. Is Hydro One and The Town of Woodstock aware of this requirement? If so how does it impact the economics of the agreement and are there any potential impacts to the City of Woodstock ratepayers.
- E. Currently Woodstock Hydro bills water and sewer services to customers in the town of Woodstock. Once the transition period is completed the County of Oxford (including The Township of Zorra) will be required to find new arrangements for billing its water and sewer customers. This will be an incremental cost to the county and will negatively impact all customers of the county. Was there any consideration given to compensating the county for this change to its future costs?