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November 28, 2013

VIA MAIL and E-MAIL

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

**Notice of Intervention EB-2014-311** 

**Hydro One Networks Inc.** 

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intervention of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Yours truly,

Michael Janigan Counsel for VECC

Ms. Erin Henderson

e-mail: regulatory@HydroOne.com

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

## IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. APPLICATION FOR ACCOUNTING ORDER

# NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION

To: Ms. Kirsten Walli

**Board Secretary** 

And to: Ms. Susan Frank, Vice President and Chief Regulatory Officer

#### **IDENTITY OF THE INTERVENOR AND ITS MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) hereby expresses its intention to intervene and participate in the above-mentioned proceeding. VECC is a frequent intervenor in Board proceedings and has filed an annual information package with the Board. Although the organization is not itself a member of VECC, the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) in Ottawa assists in the representation of the interests of vulnerable consumers by ensuring the availability of competent representation and consultant support to the VECC participation.

#### INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT VECC IN THIS PROCEEDING

4. The name and address of the agent authorized to receive documents on behalf of VECC is:

Mr. Michael Janigan Counsel Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) One Nicholas Street, Suite 1204 Ottawa, Ontario

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5. VECC would request that all correspondence and documentation also be electronically copied to VECC's consultants:

Mark Garner (project manager)
Econalysis Consulting Services
34 King Street East, Suite 630
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(647) 408-4501 (office)
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6. In order to mitigate costs VECC requests only electronic copies of the materials. VECC may request paper copies of some or all of the materials should this become necessary. VECC requests electronic copies of the application and any additional supporting materials be sent to Mr. Janigan, Mr. Garner at their respective e-mail addresses.

#### **GROUNDS FOR THE INTERVENTION**

7. VECC notes that the Application is inextricably linked to Hydro One Network's proposal for transmission rates (EB-2014-0140). VECC is a signatory to the comprehensive agreement filed as part of that application.

#### INTERESTS OF THE INTEVENOR

 VECC's interest are in the causation, materiality and reasonableness of the proposal.

#### INTENTION TO SEEK COST AWARDS

9. VECC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a coalition representing the direct

interests of consumers, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).

10. VECC's members do not have access to the direct funding required to retain appropriate legal and consulting support for its intervention in OEB proceedings. Accordingly VECC relies on PIAC to provide legal support and retain qualified consultants on the basis that PIAC can recover the related fees and disbursements from the Board based on the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards at the prevailing Cost Award Tariff.

DATED AT TORONTO, NOVEMBER 28, 2014