



EB-2014-0311

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 accounting order to establish a deferral account.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

January 15, 2015

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One ") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") on October 3, 2014 for an accounting order under section 78.1 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B). The application seeks approval to establish a deferral account, effective October 1, 2014, for the purpose of recording expenses relating to the North West Bulk Transmission Line Project ("NWBTL Project"), which Hydro One is developing pursuant to a condition of its licence.

In the application, Hydro One indicated that it will be undertaking preliminary design/engineering, cost estimation, public engagement/consultation, routing and siting, and environmental assessment preparation work associated with the NWBTL Project before the costs qualify to be recorded in transmission Construction Work In Progress ("CWIP"). These OM&A costs are not included in Hydro One Transmission's current 2015 and 2016 transmission revenue requirements (EB-2014-0140), and as such are outside the base upon which rates were derived. The intention is that these costs, incurred by Hydro One to facilitate the NWBTL Project, would be recovered through the Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates.

A Notice was issued on November 10, 2014.

Each of the following groups applied for intervenor status: the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC"), School Energy Coalition ("SEC"), Power Workers Union ("PWU"), Ontario Power Generation ("OPG"), Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario ("AMPCO"), Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters ("CME") and the Ontario Power Authority ("OPA"). VECC, SEC, AMPCO, CME, and Energy Probe also applied for cost award eligibility.

I approve VECC, SEC, PWU, OPG, AMPCO, Energy Probe, CME and OPA as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this Procedural Order. I have also determined that VECC, SEC, AMPCO, CME, and Energy Probe are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Cost-eligible intervenors should be aware that the Board will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

I am making provision for interrogatories and responses followed by written submissions, subject to the Board ordering otherwise during the course of the proceeding. Further Procedural Orders may be issued from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The list of approved intervenors is attached as Appendix A to this Procedural Order.
2. Board staff and Intervenors shall file with the Board and deliver to Hydro One any interrogatories with respect to the application on or before Friday, January 23, 2015.
3. Hydro One shall file with the Board and deliver to all intervenors any responses to interrogatories filed with it with respect to the application on or before Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

4. Unless the Board orders otherwise, Board staff and Intervenor who wish to file a written submission shall file the submission with the Board and deliver it to all other parties to the proceeding on or before Thursday, February 12, 2015.
5. Unless the Board orders otherwise, Hydro One may file a reply with the Board and delivering it to all other parties to the proceeding on or before Friday, February 20, 2015.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2014-0311 and be made electronically in searchable / unrestricted PDF format through the Board's web portal at www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/. Two paper copies must also be filed at the Board's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Harold Thiessen at harold.thiessen@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, January 15, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

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Registrar

APPENDIX A

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

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