

June 25, 2015

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: PowerStream Inc. 2016-2020 Distribution Rate Application

AMPCO Intervention Request Board File No. EB-2015-0003

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing pursuant to the Board's Notice of Application and Hearing regarding the above proceeding to request intervenor status.

## **AMPCO's Interest**

AMPCO is a not-for-profit consumer interest advocacy organization. AMPCO's members represent Ontario's major industries: forestry, chemical, mining and minerals, steel, petroleum products, cement, automotive and manufacturing and business consumers in general. AMPCO members are major investors, major employers and a major part of communities in which we operate, across Ontario.

AMPCO and its member companies are well known to the Board. AMPCO participates in many proceedings, working groups, consultations and initiatives of the Ontario Energy Board in which matters relevant to Ontario's large electricity consumers are being addressed. AMPCO has previously been approved by the Board in numerous Hydro One proceedings

AMPCO's interest in the Board's regulation of distribution and transmission companies relates generally to the interests of consumers with respect to price, adequacy, reliability and quality of electricity service, and, more particularly, to how costs are allocated to, and rates are designed to recover costs from, industrial customers.

PowerStream's application seeks approval to charge rates effective January 1, 2016, January 1, 2017, January 1, 2018, January 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020. AMPCO is intervening in order to ensure that the interests of its members are fully represented in the determination of just and reasonable rates. AMPCO is interested in how PowerStream's application is aligned with the Board's Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors (RRFE) consistent with the four performance outcomes: customer focus, operational effectiveness, public policy responsiveness and financial performance. AMPCO is also interested in PowerStream's proposed 5 year capital and OM&A plans for 2016-2020. The implications of the proposed merger of the Applicant, with Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc., Horizon Utilities Inc., and Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc, on the proposed methodology and rates for the 2016-2020 test period are also of interest to AMPCO.

We respectfully request that the Board please confirm AMP CO's eligibility for an award of costs in this matter.

## **Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario**

AMPCO has been granted intervenor cost awards in other OEB proceedings.

## **Notice**

Please serve all correspondence pertaining to this proceeding to AMPCO's consultants as follows:

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AMPCO has reviewed Powerstream's letter to the Board of May 7, 2015 which suggests that parties who participated in its pre-filing process do not require further discovery opportunities. AMPCO does not agree that its pre-hearing review should be limited in this way.

I trust this letter will suffice for the Board to grant intervenor status to AMPCO and to confirm AMPCO's eligibility for a cost award. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

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Sincerely yours,

Adam White President

Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario

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