



EB-2013-0416
EB-2015-0257

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, and each year thereafter to December 31, 2019.

AND IN THE MATTER OF a report submitted to the Ontario Energy Board by Hydro One Networks Inc. in respect of a plan for the elimination of the seasonal rate class.

Order
September 30, 2015

On March 12, 2015, the OEB issued its decision on an application by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2015, and each year thereafter to December 31, 2019.

In its decision, the OEB directed Hydro One to bring forward by August 4, 2015 a plan for the elimination of its seasonal rate class. The OEB also indicated that it intended that Hydro One would implement the initial rate changes by January 1, 2016. Hydro One filed such a plan on the date required.

In the time since the OEB released its decision on Hydro One's distribution rates, it has also finalized the details of its implementation of its policy to shift residential customers to fixed distribution rates over time. This policy applies to all rate-regulated distributors in Ontario.

Consistent with the filing requirements for 2016 rate applications released in July, the OEB expects that Hydro One will apply the OEB's policy on distribution rate design for residential customers to its seasonal class, with changes to be effective January 1, 2016. In the OEB's view, such a change constitutes the initial steps in the execution of

the OEB's direction to eliminate the seasonal class by aligning rates for these customers' premises with the density-based rate structure applicable to other residential customers.

It is expected that the changes to the rates for the seasonal class would be included within the application for rate adjustments effective January 1, 2016 for all other customer classes.

The OEB will initiate a further proceeding to consider the remaining steps for the elimination of the seasonal class.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Hydro One's application for adjustments to its 2016 rates shall include implementation of the transition toward fixed distribution rates for the seasonal class customers, consistent with the OEB's filing requirements published July 16, 2015.

DATED at Toronto, September 30, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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Board Secretary