November 25, 2015

Kirsten Walli

Board Secretary

Ontario Energy Board

2300 Yonge St., 27th Floor

Toronto, Ont. , M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (“HON”)**

 **2015-2017 Distribution Rates**

 **File No. EB-2015-0079**

We are writing to request intervenor status in the above application , including cost award eligibility on behalf of Balsam Lake Coalition (“BLC”).

BLC is comprised of several seasonal customers (“SC”) of HON. BLC has canvassed the opinions of various cottage groups and has found that a large number of SC are very dissatisfied with the existing status quo, whereby SC are paying considerably more than their next-door neighbours on the same road, for the same amount of electric power .

BLC ‘s intended participation will focus on (but is not neccessarily) limited to the following issue:

 HON’s proposed Draft Rate Order dated Sept. 30th 2015, appears to ignore the Ontario Energy Board’s Decision (EB-2013-0416) dated March 12th 2015, whereby the Board determined the SC classification was no longer justified and ordered HON to bring forward a plan for the elimination of the SC by Aug. 4th 2015.

BLC intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, settlement conference , written or oral submission (preferably by written submission), as well as any process ordered by the Board. We have previously participated in the oral and written hearings, settlement conferences and stakeholder sessions, related to the Board’s decision concerning HON’s Custom application IR application upon which HON’s application for 2016 rates is based.

BLC hereby applies for recovery of it’s costs reasonably incurred , including travel, parking & legal counsel. It is BLC’s intent to retain Michael Buonaguro as legal counsel should the Board grant BLC intervenor status and cost eligibility status as was the case in HON’s Custom IR application.

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The BLC requests that all documents or notices be sent as follows:

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Yours truly,

Original signed by Nicholas P. Copes

**c.c. Oded Hubert - Hydro One Networks Inc.**