

Hydro One Networks Inc.

7th Floor, South Tower
483 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2P5
www.HydroOne.com

Tel: (416) 345-5240
Cell: (416) 903-5240
Fax: (416) 345-5700
Oded.Hubert@HydroOne.com



Oded Hubert

Vice President
Regulatory Affairs

BY COURIER

January 13, 2016

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON
M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

EB-2015-0269 – HONI Distribution Rate Application for the Area Formerly Served by Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. – Hydro One Response to Draft Decision

Hydro One Networks Inc (“Hydro One”) has reviewed the draft Decision and Rate Order issued by the Board (by delegation) on January 11, 2016 in this proceeding. This application is one of three currently before the Board seeking to apply the new rate design for residential customers for utilities that have recently been acquired by Hydro One Inc.

Hydro One has no comments on the draft Decision except with respect to the issue of approval of rate schedules for multiple years. We agree with the comments on this same issue that were advanced by Haldimand County Hydro (EB-2015-0259) and Woodstock Hydro (EB-2015-0271) in their reply submissions dated January 8, 2016. We support the view that approving all rate schedules in the five year period at this time would not prevent Hydro One from applying to the Board to update the approved rate schedules to reflect any changes that are required in a future period. This approach would ensure that in the years where there are no changes required to the existing rate schedules the cost efficiencies associated with avoiding a rates proceeding in front of the Board would be realized.

Hydro One requests that the Board’s delegate consider the Haldimand County Hydro and Woodstock Hydro arguments on the issue of approving rate schedules for multiple years in its final decision in this proceeding, recognizing that the Board may at any time direct Hydro One to update its rate schedules as necessary.

Most importantly, Hydro One requests that all three recently acquired utilities be treated in the same manner in the Board's final decision with respect to this issue to allow for an efficient and co-ordinated process for updating the rate schedules for all its customers in the future.

An electronic copy has been submitted using the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Sincerely,

Oded Hubert