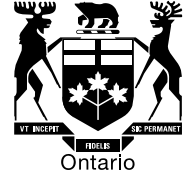


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April 20, 2016

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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Motion by the Carriers to Review and Vary Decision EB-2013-0416/EB-2014-0247 as it relates to the Specific Charge for Cable and Telecom Companies Access to the Power Poles charged by Hydro One Networks Inc.
OEB File Number: EB-2015-0141**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 8, OEB staff is providing its submissions on whether this proceeding should proceed by way of an oral or written hearing. OEB staff's view has not changed from the position expressed in the letter dated January 26, 2016, filed in response to Procedural Order #4 in this proceeding. OEB staff believes a written hearing is sufficient to enable to OEB to make a determination on this motion for review.

As OEB staff submitted previously, this proceeding has included a number of opportunities for the filing of evidence and for discovery, including the recent direction of the OEB in Procedural Order #8 for supplementary interrogatories. In OEB staff's submission, the evidentiary record is sufficiently complete to allow the OEB to determine a just and reasonable pole access charge. While further clarifications of the evidence could be sought through an oral hearing, OEB staff submits that the OEB has offered a reasonable and sufficient opportunity for scrutiny of the evidence relevant to the setting of this charge.

The Carriers' letter of April 19, 2016 asked the OEB to adjourn the review motion until the Divisional Court rules on the appeal pending on the decision of the OEB in the Hydro Ottawa case (EB-2015-0004). OEB staff asks the OEB to allow additional time to make submissions on this request. OEB staff notes that the Carriers stated that they will bring a motion for further and better interrogatory responses by April 23, 2016. OEB staff suggests that the OEB allow for submissions from all parties on both matters concurrently, once this motion is received.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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