



EB-2016-0160

Hydro One Networks Inc. Transmission

Application for electricity transmission revenue requirement and related changes to the Uniform Transmission Rates beginning January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

July 29, 2016

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 31, 2016 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to its transmission revenue requirement and to the Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates, to be effective January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2108.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on July 7, 2016. Each of London Property Management Association (LPMA), School Energy Coalition (SEC), Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC), Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA), Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Environmental Defense Canada Inc. (ED), Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) Society of Energy Professionals (SEP), Power Workers' Union (PWU), HQ Energy Marketing Inc. (HQEM), Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) applied for intervenor status.

Each of LPMA, SEC, VECC, BOMA, CME, AMPCO, CCC, Energy Probe and ED also applied for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Hydro One.

LPMA, SEC, VECC, BOMA, AMPCO, CME, CCC, ED, Energy Probe, SEP, PWU, HQEM, IESO and OPG are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

LPMA, SEC, VECC, BOMA, CME, AMPCO, CCC, Energy Probe and ED are each eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

On July 25, 2016 Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin) applied for late intervention status and also applied for cost award eligibility. Anwaatin is approved as an intervenor and is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Issues List

It is the OEB's expectation that parties will be best positioned to identify issues relevant to Hydro One's application after the applicant has responded to interrogatories, and following a technical conference, should it be required. Hydro One, OEB staff and the intervenors shall develop and OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list for the OEB's consideration. The OEB will approve an issues list in due course.

Interrogatories

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories. The OEB will review the application both in the context of the projects and programs that are requested for the test years and from the perspective of the transmitter's plans for the subsequent years until the next application.

Parties should examine the value presented by the proposed investments as opposed to focussing only on the costs. Parties should also assess the fit between the applicant's plans and its stated objectives, and consider how the plans contribute to positive outcomes for customers, in particular those outcomes that arise from the asset management decisions reflected in the applicant's transmission system plan. The OEB will consider the entire transmission system plan to assess the planning and pacing proposals of the applicant and whether the test year requests are appropriately aligned with the transmission system plan. The OEB will also consider productivity and

benchmarking results in assessing cost forecasts, bill impacts and transmitter performance.

Parties should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be material. Parties should use the materiality thresholds documented in Chapter 2 of the Transmission Filing Requirements as a guide. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by August 9, 2016.
2. Intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by August 12, 2016.
3. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors and OEB staff by August 31, 2016.
4. Hydro One shall make a presentation of its application to the OEB, OEB staff and intervenors on September 8, 2016 in the OEB's North hearing room, 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor Toronto, Ontario beginning at 2:00 pm.
5. Following its review of Hydro One's responses to interrogatories, the OEB will determine if a technical conference is required. If required, a transcribed Technical Conference will be held September 22, 2016 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the OEB's Offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto, Ontario to clarify any matters arising from the interrogatories only. If required, the Technical Conference will continue on September 23, 2016. Parties intending to participate

are to notify Hydro One, and copy all parties, of the topic areas for questioning by September 19, 2016.

6. OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the OEB in writing that the parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list by September 26, 2016.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2016-0160, be made in searchable /unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Harold Thiessen at harold.thiessen@ontarioenergyboard.ca and OEB Counsel, Maureen Helt at maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.
COST OF SERVICE
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SCHEDULE A
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JULY 29, 2016

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