

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Hydro One Inc. for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation, made pursuant to section 86(2)(b) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Orillia Power Distribution Corporation seeking to include a rate rider in the 2016 Board-approved rate schedules of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation to give effect to a 1% reduction relative to 2016 base distribution delivery rates (exclusive of rate riders), made pursuant to section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Orillia Power Distribution Corporation for leave to transfer its distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc., made pursuant to section 86(1)(a) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Orillia Power Distribution Corporation for leave to transfer its rate order to Hydro One Networks Inc., made pursuant to section 18 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Orillia Power Distribution Corporation seeking cancellation of its distribution license, made pursuant to section 77(5) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Hydro One Networks Inc. seeking an order to amend its distribution license, made pursuant to section 74 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, to serve the customers of the former Orillia Power Distribution Corporation.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

OF THE

SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION

1. The School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.
2. SEC is a frequent intervenor in Board proceedings. Our current Annual Filing can be found on the Board’s website, here:

3. The School Energy Coalition intends to apply for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred in the course of its intervention in this matter. SEC has participated in many past natural gas and electricity proceedings in Ontario, including consultations, rate cases, and other processes and hearings, and has been found eligible to be paid its reasonably incurred costs in all of those proceedings.

Issues to be Addressed

4. SEC's intended participation will focus on the following issues:
 - a. The impact of the proposed purchase on the ratepayers of both utilities, in both the short and long term, including application of the "no harm" test, and whether the proposed rates going forward are just and reasonable;
 - b. The impact of the transaction and its terms on the electricity distribution sector, in light of the Board's objectives as set forth in the OEB Act;
 - c. The consistency of the proposed transactions, including proposed conditions and related activities, with the Board's policies and guidelines, including recent decisions of the Board in similar cases; and
 - d. Generally to represent the interests of school boards and their students in this process.

The Intervenor's Intended Participation

5. The School Energy Coalition intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, including interrogatories or technical conferences, and settlement conferences. SEC also intends to participate in any oral hearing of this matter, and in written or oral submissions, as well as any other parts of the process that the Board should order.

Nature of Hearing Requested

6. Until interrogatories have been answered, we believe it is premature to assess whether a written or an oral hearing is more appropriate in this proceeding.

Counsel/Representative

7. SEC requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board by each party to this proceeding be served on the intervenor, and on the intervenor's counsel, as follows:
 - a. School Energy Coalition: (electronic copies only)

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition this October 17, 2016.

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