



EB-2016-0081

Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for approval of an electricity distribution
rate order, effective January 1, 2017**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
December 14, 2016**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed a draft rate order application to implement the final year of its EB-2013-0416 cost of service decision with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro One charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2017.

The draft rate order application was updated on November 18, 2016 to reflect changes in the long-term debt rate and to reflect the OEB's cost of capital parameters as issued on October 27, 2016. The application was corrected on November 29, 2016 to include the approved changes to some of the specific service charges for 2017 (the updated draft rate order application).

A Notice of Hearing was issued on November 25, 2016. The Society of Energy Professionals (Society) and Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) applied for intervenor status. Energy Probe also applied for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Hydro One.

The Society and Energy Probe are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. Energy Probe is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Comments on the Draft Rate Order Application

At this time, provision will be made for parties to comment on the updated draft rate order application submitted by Hydro One.

Parties should focus on the changes to the Rural and Remote Rate Protection amount, the implementation of the OEB's 2017 Cost of Capital parameters and the impact of Hydro One's recent debt issuance on the cost of long-term debt.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall submit comments, if any, on the updated draft rate order application no later than Thursday, December 15, 2016.
2. Hydro One shall file its reply submissions to the comments of the parties no later than Friday, December 16, 2016.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2016-0081, 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 Registrar 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

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DATED at Toronto, **December 14, 2016**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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