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Rice Lake
Tourist Association

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Ontario Energy Board
Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
P.O. Box 2319
27th Floor, 2300 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

RE: EB-2017-0049 – Hydro One Networks Inc. application to raise electricity distribution rates and other charges

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing on behalf of the Rice Lake Tourist Association (RLTA), who represents more than 30 resort and non-resort members in the Rice Lake/Northumberland area. In the case of EB-2017-0049, I request that the RLTA be named an intervenor in Hydro One Networks Inc. application to raise electricity and distribution rates and other charges.

Increases to our electricity and distributions rates will have negative impacts to our businesses, which rely heavily on seasonal visitors mainly in the spring and summer. We have already seen cancellations and suffered property damage due to the adverse effects of climate change, including flooding and cooler temperatures. During the winter months, when many of us are not drawing income from the businesses, we still pay high delivery charges. Increases to rates during this time are difficult to digest, especially if we get a particularly bad spring/summer season, which is what 2017 is anticipated to be.

The RLTA is participating as an intervenor to ensure that any price increases are explained and justified and that our interests are fully represented.

Our organization operates on a shoestring budget to promote cottage accommodations and outdoor experiences at an affordable price to families and we rely on partner organizations to help with any shortfalls in funding. We do not have other funding sources to ensure experienced representation to participate in and assist the board in these proceedings. Therefore, RLTA would respectfully request a determination of eligibility for cost award in this proceeding.

If intervenor status is granted, the RLTA asks that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following:

Ms. Astrid Poei
Rice Lake Tourist Association, Director
Keep Calm and RiceLakeOn.com, Owner/Operator
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Thank you for your consideration of this request submitted on behalf of the RLTA.

Sincerely,

Astrid Poei
Rice Lake Tourist Association, Director
Keep Calm and RiceLakeOn.com, Owner/Operator

cc. Adventure Bay
 Alpine Resort
 Anglers' Retreat
 Camp Cherokee
 Curtis Point Cottages
 Elmhirst's Resort
 Glengary Cottages
 Golden Beach Resort
 Highland View Resort
 Keep Calm and RiceLakeOn.com
 Lang's Resort
 Lured Away Cottages
 Muskie Bay Resort
 Ridgeview Cottages
 Sandy Bay Cottages
 Sandy Shore Cottages
 Silver Leaf Cottages
 Southview Cottages
 Suni-Vale Resort
 Sunset Cove
 Tam-Bir Cottages

Tower Manor Cottages & Campsites
Twin Cedars
Whispering Pines
Audley's Cove Marina
Bellmere Winds Golf Club
Otonabee South Moaghan, Keene
Rhino's Roadhouse
Allen Insurance Group
Harris Boat Works
Lynch, Rutherford & Tozer
McGregor Bay Marina
Oakland Greens Golf & Country Club
Otonabee South Monaghan Township
R.L. Gougeon Ltd – Insurance
Simmons Canada Inc.
Sterling Pools Ltd.
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Waldie Farms
Tourist Resort Services