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

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. application to raise electricity distribution rates on January 1, 2018 and in each subsequent year until December 31, 2022 Board File No.: EB-2017-0049

We are counsel to Energy Storage Canada (**ESC**). Please find enclosed ESC's Notice of Intervention requesting intervenor status and cost eligibility in the above-noted proceeding.

Yours very truly,

Lisa (Elisabeth) DeMarco

cc. Patricia Phillips

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B), s. 78.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Hydro One Networks Inc. to raise its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2018 and continuing each year for another 4 years, until December 31, 2022.

EB-2017-0049

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

ENERGY STORAGE CANADA

June 13, 2017

A. Application for Intervenor Status

 Energy Storage Canada (ESC) hereby requests intervenor status in the EB-2017-0049 Ontario Energy Board (Board) review of Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (HONI's) application raising electricity distribution rates on January 1, 2018 and in each subsequent year until December 31, 2022 (the Application). This notice of intervention is filed pursuant to Rule 22 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

B. ESC and its Interest in the Proceeding

- 2. ESC is the only energy storage industry association in Canada. It is a non-profit, membershipbased organization that was founded in 2012 as a subgroup of the Corporate Partners Committee under the Smart Grid Forum. Its mission is to advance the energy storage industry in Canada through collaboration, education, policy advocacy, and research. ESC takes an unbiased view toward energy storage technology. ESC's membership includes: (i) technology developers, (ii) project developers, (iii) utilities, (iv) research groups, (v) energy consultants, and (iv) power generators. ESC works closely with other energy storage alliances and associations to push the industry forward.
- 3. ESC provides the Board with the perspective of energy storage industry stakeholders. The members of ESC have clear and unique expertise as both customers and suppliers of energy storage technologies and services. ESC members will be directly and materially affected by the outcome of this proceeding. ESC members also have direct experience with energy storage and its impacts and benefits on electricity distribution and transmission that is likely to be useful to the Board in this Application.

C. Nature and Scope of ESC's Intended Participation

4. ESC intends to be an active participant in this proceeding, and will act responsibly to coordinate with other intervenors where common issues in the Application may arise and may be addressed. ESC intends to participate actively to request information, assess any motions, test evidence, submit written interrogatories, and provide argument. ESC may also submit evidence subject to the development of the record in this proceeding.

D. Costs

- 5. ESC is, in accordance with s. 3.03(b) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, eligible to seek an award of costs as ESC is a party that primarily represents an interest or policy perspective that is relevant to the Board's mandate and to the proceeding.
- 6. The Board has also deemed ESC an intervenor eligible for costs in its proceeding on rate design for electricity commercial and industrial customers (EB-2015-0043).
- 7. ESC therefore submits that it is appropriate for the Board to award ESC costs in the context of this proceeding, and hereby requests cost eligibility.

E. ESC's Representatives

8. ESC hereby requests that further communications with respect to this proceeding be sent to the following:

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ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 13th day of June, 2017

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