



June 14, 2017

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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc 2018-2022 Distribution Rates (EB-2017-0049)
- SIA Notice of Intervention**

Dear Ms. Walli,

On June 2, 2017, Hydro One Networks Inc ("Hydro One") circulated an OEB notice concerning its application for approval of 2018-2022 distribution rates. In accordance with the OEB's notice, the Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (the "SIA") applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.

The SIA is a public interest group which advocates for sustainable, prudent, cost effective, and equitably financed investment in public infrastructure. A detailed statement of the SIA's mandate and objectives is available for public viewing with the OEB.

The SIA was approved and participated as an intervenor in Hydro One's previous rate application proceeding (EB-2013-0416), as well as in several other similar recent proceedings involving other Ontario utilities.¹ The SIA's intervention in this rate proceeding is motivated by largely the same concerns. Specifically, the SIA hopes to assist the OEB by exploring the investments proposed by Hydro One in its distribution infrastructure to ensure that they are appropriate, cost effective, equitably financed, and sustainable.

The SIA expects that its intervention in this proceeding will focus on Hydro One's capital investment plans, a few select issues concerning prudent and efficient utility management (particularly as it relates to cost effectiveness and cost efficiency), as well as system reliability and disaster preparedness. The SIA expects to constrain its involvement primarily to the

¹ Horizon Corporation, Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited, Hydro Ottawa Limited, Kingston Hydro, and PowerStream Inc.

interrogatory and argument phases of the proceeding, and will further endeavour to be particularly sensitive and focussed in the areas it addresses in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication of topic areas already covered by other intervening parties.

The SIA intends to apply for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs in the course of its intervention in this proceeding and believes that as a public interest group representing the direct interests of customers of Hydro One and citizens living within Hydro One's service territory, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Practice Direction on Cost Awards. The SIA is not ineligible for cost awards by reason of any of the criteria contained in section 3.05 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

In the interim, please direct all correspondence to the SIA's consultant, Mr. Dionisio Rivera. We expect to retain an additional consultant to assist Mr. Rivera in due course, and will advise when they are engaged. We request only electronic copies of all relevant materials:

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The SIA appreciates the opportunity to voice its concerns, and looks forward to aiding the OEB in ensuring that Hydro One's expenditures and investments in its infrastructure are prudent and effective in meeting the needs of its ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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Robert Sutton
Director, SIA of Ontario