

November 6, 2017

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2017-0182/2017-0194 – Upper Canada Transmission Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. Leave to Construct Applications – East-West Tie

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Applications by Upper Canada Transmission Inc. (“Upper Canada”) and Hydro One Networks Inc. (“HON”) to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) for approval to expand the electricity transmission network in the area between Wawa and Thunder Bay. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Board’s order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for electricity. The Council was an active intervenor in the East-West Tie designation proceeding and was selected to be one of two intervenors eligible for an award of costs.

We are seeking late intervenor status at this time. Unfortunately, we simply missed recording the deadline for interventions. We are prepared to accept any current timelines that have been established for the proceeding.

The Council notes that the OEB will consider three issues in this proceeding, one of which is, “The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service.” It is that issue that the Council will focus on. Specifically, the Council’s intervention will focus on the costs of the project and the request by Upper Canada to establish a Construction Work in Progress deferral account. We will also participate in any aspects of the proceeding that may ultimately impact Ontario electricity consumers. We intend to participate in the various stages of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and an oral or written hearing.

On October 17, 2016, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many Ontario electricity applications over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all Board Notices, all correspondence and hard copies of the Applicant's evidence should be sent to:

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Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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CC: Upper Canada Transmission Inc.
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