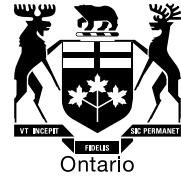


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**Re: Hydro One Inc.
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation
Motions to Review and Vary
OEB File No. EB-2018-0171**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) acknowledges the letter from Orillia Power dated June 20, 2018 asking the OEB to reconsider its procedural decision to first hold a hearing on the threshold question of whether to review the impugned decision and order¹ before conducting a review on the merits. The OEB also acknowledges the letter from Hydro One dated June 21, 2018 supporting Orillia Power's request.

Although hearing the threshold question and the merits concurrently or consecutively on the same day, as suggested by the applicants, could potentially result in efficiency, the OEB's preference, based on its review of the record to date, is to deal with the threshold question first. This approach is in keeping with the gatekeeping purpose of Rule 43.01 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, which provides that "the Board may determine, with or without a hearing, a threshold question of whether the matter should be reviewed before conducting any review on the merits" (emphasis added). The OEB will therefore continue with the process set out in the Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1.

¹ Decision and Order, EB-2016-0276, April 12, 2018.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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