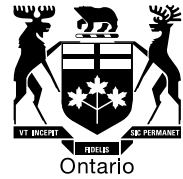


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August 21, 2018

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Dear Mr. Pinos:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc.
Application for Rates
Board File Number EB-2017-0049**

This is in response to your letter of August 2, 2018. In that letter, you requested an order adjourning this proceeding as it relates to the setting of a Pole Attachment Charge until the Carriers' Divisional Court appeal from the Final Report issued by the Board in OEB File No. EB-2015-0304¹ (referred to in the OEB's Decision on Pole Attachment Matters and Procedural Order No. 8 (Decision and PO8) and here as the pole attachment report) is heard and decided. In the alternative, you requested in your letter that the OEB rescind its dismissal in Decision and PO8 of the Carriers' February 27, 2018 motion for an order requiring Hydro One to file complete responses to certain Rogers interrogatories identified in the Rogers Notice of Motion. Finally, and without prejudice to the Divisional Court proceeding, you enclosed supplemental interrogatories directed to Hydro One in accordance with Decision and PO8, and you asked the OEB to provide for procedural steps that would include an opportunity to address any deficiencies to interrogatory answers by way of motion; a Technical Conference; and a "proper hearing" prior to a decision on the pole attachment charge.

The OEB will not adjourn the proceeding as it relates to the setting of a Pole Attachment Charge. The OEB recognized in its Decision and PO8 that the pole attachment report is currently the subject of a Divisional Court proceeding initiated by Rogers and other carriers. However, the OEB does not generally refrain from implementing decisions pending appeals, and the OEB is not deferring its implementation of the pole attachment report pending the outcome of the Carriers' appeal at an indeterminate future date. The OEB stated in Decision and PO8 that the focus in the current proceeding is on whether Hydro One's May 28, 2018 updated

¹ *Report of the Ontario Energy Board – Wireline Pole Attachment Charges*, issued March 22, 2018 – EB-2015-0304

evidence for the pole attachment charge is consistent with the methodology adopted by the OEB in the pole attachment report.

The OEB will also not rescind its dismissal of the Carriers' February 27, 2018 motion. As the OEB indicated in Decision and PO8, the OEB considers Hydro One's updated evidence related to its proposed pole attachment charge to have superseded its pre-filed evidence in this regard. The OEB denied Rogers' request for an Order requiring Hydro One to respond to interrogatories on evidence on which Hydro One no longer relies, and the OEB sees no reason to revisit that decision. However, the OEB did establish, in its Decision and PO8, deadlines for written interrogatories and responses on Hydro One's updated evidence on its proposed pole attachment charge. Those responses are due on or before August 23, 2018. The OEB will establish further procedural steps in respect of this matter following the filing of Hydro One's responses to the interrogatories.

Yours truly,

Original Signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

c: Parties to EB-2017-0049