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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

Ontario Energy Board  
Attn: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Ms. Walli, Board Secretary:

**RE: Intervenor Status in Hydro One Peterborough Distribution Inc. EB-2018-0242**

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) represents over 260,000 workers in the broader public sector in Ontario. CUPE represents the workers of the City of Peterborough, as well as geographically contiguous communities. CUPE members also work at the hospital and long term care facilities in the area, in the schools, at social services agencies, and at the university. Many of these workers will be affected by the outcome of Hydro One's proposal to purchase the assets of Peterborough Distribution Inc. (PDI). These impacts will be as rate payers in the communities impacted, but their employers are also rate payers with limited budgets, and the impacts felt in their home life will be compounded by potential impacts at their workplaces. It is in this capacity that CUPE Ontario is seeking intervenor status for this matter (EB-2018-0242).

In addition to the community members and customers that CUPE represents in Peterborough, we also represent workers in the electricity sector. Specifically, we represent workers in the municipal local electricity distribution network across the province. This status gives CUPE special and unique insight on the sector at a local level. We think this is an appropriate place to articulate our expertise.

In requesting intervenor status, we want to further underscore our role in Peterborough when this sale was initially proposed. CUPE was active with community and its union members in the discourse of the sale. Our organization participated in many activities to convey our position, including appearing before Council and organizing with residents. The most recent example of our work on this issue can be found here: <https://cupe.on.ca/people-peterborough-dodged-bullet-hydro-one-backing-pdi-sale>.

We represent the voice of our organization and are elected on a platform by our members to defend public services. The proposed sale would see a valuable public asset transferred to a private, publicly traded corporation that would be accountable to shareholders instead of community members. CUPE's members are experts on public services and as such we are seeking to convey our expertise to the OEB on this matter.

If this goes to a formal hearing, my role will be to present evidence to the board on how Peterborough consumers are being and will be disadvantaged by any sale. CUPE is also prepared to make written submissions on this matter. Please consider including CUPE as an intervenor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Hahn".

Fred Hahn, President of CUPE Ontario

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**Fred Hahn**  
President

**BE BOLD. BE BRAVE.**

**Candace Rennick**  
Secretary-Treasurer