

January 16, 2018

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2018-0242– Application by Peterborough Distribution Inc. for Approval to Amalgamate with Peterborough Utilities Services Inc. and an Application by Hydro One to Acquire the New Entity

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 Application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) by Peterborough Distribution Inc. for approval to amalgamate with Peterborough Utilities Services Inc. and sell the new entity to Hydro One Networks Inc. (“HON”) (among other approvals). The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The OEB’s order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for the delivery of electricity.

On December 10, 2018, 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 nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be the following:

1. To assess the impact of the proposed transaction on the ratepayers of Peterborough Distribution Inc. and HON and assess whether the transaction will result in just and reasonable rates;
2. To assess how the proposed transaction will impact the ratepayers of both utilities more generally; and
3. To participate in the various stages of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and an oral hearing.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many electricity distribution applications and MADDs 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 and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to me, at 62 Hillside Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 1T5. My telephone number is 416-322-7936 and my e-mail is jgirvan@uniserve.com.

We apologize for the late filing of this intervention. The filing date only recently came to our attention. 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: John Stephenson, Peterborough Utilities
HON, Regulatory Affairs