



Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP

Application for electricity transmission revenue requirement beginning January 1, 2019 and related matters

DECISION ON THE FILING OF EXPERT EVIDENCE January 21, 2019

Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP (Hydro One SSM) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 26, 2018 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), and under the OEB's *Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications*. Hydro One SSM is seeking approval for changes to its electricity transmission revenue requirement to be effective January 1, 2019 and related matters.

The OEB issued its Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 3 in which parties were asked to inform the OEB of an intent to file expert evidence.

OEB staff informed the OEB of its plans to file expert evidence by Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (PEG) regarding the Power Systems Engineering Inc. (PSE) evidence filed by Hydro One SSM. The PSE evidence was with respect to Hydro One Networks Inc.'s total factor productivity and total cost benchmarking analyses for its transmission operations on which Hydro One SSM has based its proposed revenue cap increase.

Findings

The OEB finds the proposed PEG evidence relevant to this proceeding and allows OEB staff to file this evidence by February 4, 2019.

DATED at Toronto, **January 21, 2019**

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Original signed by

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Board Secretary