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#### **Delivered by Email, RESS & Courier**

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27th Floor, Box 2319 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. Application for 2020-2022 Transmission Rates Board File No. EB-2019-0082 Interrogatories to Applicant from The Association of Power Producers of Ontario

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, please find enclosed the Association of Power Producers of Ontario's interrogatories in the above noted proceeding.

Yours very truly,

#### BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS LLP

Per:

Original signed by Kristyn Annis

Kristyn Annis

cc: David Butters, APPrO All Parties to EB-2019-0082

# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, ch. 15 (Schedule B) (the "**Act**");

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an order or orders made pursuant to section 78 of the Act approving rates for the transmission of electricity.

# EB-2019-0082

## Interrogatories

То

### Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)

From

The Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

## Exhibit I2: Rate Design for Uniform Transmission Rates

## I2-APPrO-1

Reference: Exhibit I2, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Page 2-3 – Updated June 16, 2019

<u>Preamble</u>: Hydro one has updated the 2015 Elenchus cost allocation model utilizing the latest available information and the ETS rate calculated using the Elenchus study methodology has been determined to be \$1.25/MWh.

#### Question:

- (a) Please file a complete copy of the 2015 Elenchus cost allocation model updated using the latest available information used to calculate the ETS Rate for \$1.25/MWh. Please file this cost allocation model in live excel format.
- (b) Please provide a summary table that explains at a high level how the cost allocation model arrives at the \$1.25/MWh.
- (c) Please provide the date of the "latest available information" referenced in the preamble.

- <u>Reference</u>: Exhibit I2, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Page 3 Updated June 16, 2019 Settlement Agreement in EB-2014-0140
- <u>Preamble</u>: Hydro One states that while the updated cost allocation study resulted in a calculated ETS rate of \$1.25/MWh, the current ETS rate of \$1.85/MWh represents a negotiated rate that was established as part of the Settlement Agreement in Proceeding EB-2014-0140.

### Question:

Based on the Settlement Agreement filed on September 15, 2014 and approved on December 2, 2014 in EB-2014-0140 (the "Settlement Agreement"), please confirm the following:

- (a) As per Issue 2 of the Settlement Agreement at page 5 of 27, is Hydro One proposing to adopt in its current application the settled revenue requirement before adjustment as agreed by the parties to EB-2014-0140? If no, why not?
- (b) As per Issue 4 of the Settlement Agreement at page 8 of 27, is Hydro One proposing to adopt in its current application the settled external revenues of as agreed by the parties to EB-2014-0140? If no, why not?
- (c) As per the section under Overall OM&A Settlement and its Rationale in the Settlement Agreement at page 9 of 27, is Hydro One proposing to adopt in its current application the OM&A expenditures as agreed by the parties to EB-2014-0140? If no, why not?
- (d) As per Issue 8 of the Settlement Agreement at page 12 of 27, is Hydro One proposing to adopt in its current application the transmission overhead capitalization rate agreed by the parties in EB-2014-0140? If no, why not?
- (e) As per Issue 11 of the Settlement at page 16 of 27, is Hydro One proposing to adopt in its current application the rate base agreed by the parties in EB-2014-0140? If no, why not?
- (f) Is Hydro One proposing to maintain in its current application the outputs of the cost allocation model that was agreed to by the parties in EB-2014-0140? If no, why not?

Reference: Exhibit I2, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Page 3 Table 1 – Updated June 16, 2019

<u>Preamble</u>: In Hydro One's updated cost allocation study shown in Table 1, the Total Hydro One Revenue Requirement allocated to Export for 2020 is \$22.1 million.

#### Question:

- (a) Using the proposed ETS rate of \$1.85/MWh, please calculate the estimated revenues collected by Hydro One from exporters paying the ETS rate in 2020 and the resulting cost to revenue ratio.
- (b) Using the assumed ETS rate of \$1.05/MWh, please calculate the estimated revenues collected by Hydro One from exporters paying the ETS rate in 2020 and the resulting cost to revenue ratio.
- (c) Using the assumed ETS rate of \$1.25/MWh, please calculate the estimated revenues collected by Hydro One from exporters paying the ETS rate in 2020 and the resulting cost to revenue ratio.
- (d) Using the assumed ETS rate of \$1.45/MWh, please calculate the estimated revenues collected by Hydro One from exporters paying the ETS rate in 2020 and the resulting cost to revenue ratio.
- (e) Please explain the forecasted level of exports in 2020 used to arrive at the results in the responses to part (a) to (d).

Reference: Exhibit I2, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Page 3 – Updated June 16, 2019

<u>Preamble</u>: Hydro One states that a decrease in the ETS rate will negatively impact the transmission rates that Ontario customers pay.

### Question:

- (a) Please provide the Bill Impacts for each Ontario customer using an assumed ETS rate of each of \$1.05/MWh, \$1.25/MWh, \$1.45/MWh, and \$1.85/MWh.
- (b) Please provide a summary chart of the Bill Impacts.

Reference: Exhibit I2, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Page 2 – Updated June 16, 2019

# <u>Preamble</u>: Hydro One refers to the Elenchus Study filed in Exhibit H1, Tab 5, Schedule 1, Attachment 1 of the application in EB-2014-0140.

In this application, Hydro One updated the 2015 Elenchus cost allocation model utilizing the latest available information.

#### Question:

Please confirm that Elenchus will be available to testify to support the Elenchus Study. If not, please confirm that Hydro One will have witnesses available.