

EB-2018-0242

Peterborough Distribution Inc. Peterborough Utilities Services Inc. Hydro One Networks Inc. 1937680 Ontario Inc.

## Application for approval to amalgamate Peterborough Distribution Inc. and Peterborough Utilities Services Inc. and to sell the amalgamated electricity distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc.

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4 July 5, 2019

Peterborough Distribution Inc. (PDI), Peterborough Utilities Services Inc. (PUSI), Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and 1937680 Ontario Inc. (collectively, the Applicants) filed an application on October 12, 2018, under sections 86(1)(c), 86(1)(a), 78, 18, 77(5) and 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), requesting approval to amalgamate PDI and PUSI, sell the amalgamated corporation to 1937680 Ontario Inc. (a Hydro One Inc. subsidiary) which would in turn dispose of the distribution system to Hydro One. An amended application was filed on November 1, 2018.

To enable the proposed transaction, the Applicants requested various OEB approvals.

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 3 on May 9, 2019, which made provision for interrogatories and interrogatory responses on the supplemental evidence filed by Hydro One. On May 31, 2019, the OEB issued a letter extending the timeline set out in Procedural Order No. 3 for the filing of responses to interrogatories from June 3, 2019 to June 14, 2019. On June 14, 2019, the Applicants provided responses to interrogatories on the supplemental evidence.

Following its review of the Applicants' responses to interrogatories, the OEB has determined that a technical conference is required. Within scope of the technical conference will be two separate Hydro One applications currently before the OEB. Specifically, the technical conference will provide parties with the opportunity to further

question the applicants of both the Hydro One – Orillia Power Distribution Corporation application (EB-2018-0270) and the Applicants to the Hydro One – Peterborough Distribution Inc. application (EB-2018-0242). The OEB does not intend to combine the applications, but will deal with both applications together for the purposes of the technical conference because of the similarities of issues and evidence that exist between the two applications. Parties are asked to advise the Applicants of the areas they intend to cover (with evidentiary references where appropriate) in advance, to ensure that the Applicants are prepared to respond to questions.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

# THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- A transcribed technical conference will be held on July 29, 2019 starting at 9:30

   a.m. in the OEB's Offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto to clarify
   matters arising from the interrogatories only. If required, the technical conference
   will continue on July 30, 2019. Parties intending to participate are to notify the
   Applicants, and copy all parties, of the topic areas for questioning on both EB 2018-0242 and EB-2018-0270 proceedings by July 24, 2019.
- 2. Any technical conference undertakings shall be filed with the OEB no later than **August 7, 2019**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2018-0242** and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <u>https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <u>http://www.oeb.ca/Industry</u>. If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or USB in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Andrew Bishop at <u>Andrew.Bishop@oeb.ca</u>, and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at <u>Michael.Millar@oeb.ca</u>.

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**DATED** at Toronto July 5, 2019

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