

**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. 6
November 11, 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.

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 5, issued July 18, 2019, the OEB held a technical conference on October 3 and 4, 2019 for both the Hydro One – Peterborough Distribution Inc.¹ and Hydro One – Orillia Power² applications.

On October 28, 2019, the OEB issued a letter requesting submissions from parties to the proceeding as to whether an oral hearing is required, or whether the process should proceed directly to written submissions. Parties were requested to file their submissions by November 4, 2019.

¹ EB-2018-0242

² EB-2018-0270

Through submissions, some parties³ identified aspects of the Applicants' proposed transaction that remained unclear following the technical conference and cited the need for an oral hearing. The OEB does not see the need for further submissions on the type of hearing, as requested by Hydro One. The OEB has reviewed the submissions and agrees that it would be assisted by hearing oral evidence

In making the decision to proceed by way of oral hearing, the OEB is not drawing any conclusions on the substance of any claims made by intervenors. The OEB is only determining that an oral hearing is warranted. As is the OEB's practice, all intervenors will have the opportunity to make submissions on the issues in this proceeding and Hydro One will have the opportunity to reply to those submissions.

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:

1. A transcribed oral hearing will be held on **December 2, 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. The oral hearing will continue to **December 4, 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 **November 21, 2019**.
2. Any oral hearing undertakings shall be filed with the OEB no later than **December 18, 2019**.

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

³ Some parties include the following registered intervenors: School Energy Coalition, Consumers Council of Canada, Energy Probe

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 Andrew.Bishop@oeb.ca, and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto November 11, 2019

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