



Quinte Manufacturers Association

October 7, 2020

Ms. Christine Long
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Via e-mail

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: EB-2020-0030 - Hydro One Networks Inc. Application for Distribution Rates and Other Charges Effective January 1, 2021 (Annual Rate Update) - Quinte Manufacturers Association Intervenor Request Letter

In response to the Ontario Energy Board's recent notice to customers of Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI"), and the evidence filed, the Quinte Manufacturers Association ("QMA" or "Association") respectfully applies for intervenor status in the above-noted proceeding.

Intervenor Background

The Quinte Manufacturers Association is an organization of small and medium manufacturers and processors located in the greater Bay of Quinte region which includes the cities of Belleville and Quinte West. The Association is an unfunded industry collaborative that provides a forum for all members to discuss issues and matters of common concern including the costs of electricity supply, distribution and service. The work of the QMA represents the specific interests of its members that directly employ over 11,460 people in the region. It is led by a volunteer steering committee with members drawn from local manufacturers. The QMA is the respected voice of manufacturing in the Quinte region.

Statement of Interest

Members of the QMA cover a diverse cross section of business sectors including food processing; plastics and packaging; logistics; auto parts; and aerospace. Electricity supply, distribution and service is considered a critical component for a wide variety of manufacturing and processing purposes. Members are concerned with the potential impact on operations and related costs as a result of the above-noted adjustments to rates and other service charges.

Intervention

The QMA is requesting intervenor status in this proceeding. The Bay of Quinte region is growing with increasing demand for electrical distribution service in all rate classes. Given the nature of HONI's update Application, the QMA is intervening to ensure that the interests of its members are represented and that its participation is helpful to the Board in its determinations. The QMA believes that under the current COVID-19 circumstances, an oral hearing is not necessary and the issues in the Application that are of concern to the Association can be properly examined through a written hearing process. Certain issues may be suitable for settlement discussions in advance of the hearing. The QMA intends to participate fully in the hearing process.



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Costs

The QMA believes that it meets the eligibility requirements set out in the Ontario Energy Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The QMA will be requesting an award of its reasonably incurred costs to retain qualified consulting support for its intervention.

Communications

The QMA requests that correspondence and documentation related to the proceeding be sent by e-mail to:

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If you require further information please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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