

October 7, 2020

Christine Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
P.O. Box 2319  
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Dear Ms Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0030 – Hydro One Networks Inc. – Distribution – 2021 Rate Adjustment and 2019 Deferral & Variance Accounts/Earnings Sharing**

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) by Hydro One Networks Inc. (“HON”) for approval for its 2021 distribution rates, to dispose of amounts in certain deferral and variance accounts and for approval of its 2019 earnings sharing. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The OEB’s order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for the distribution of electricity.

On March 15, 2020, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be the following:

1. To review the Applicant’s evidence, and assess its proposals regarding the balances and disposition of the accounts and any other proposals pursuant to the Application that may impact residential consumers;
2. To assess the rate adjustment and its consistency with the OEB’s approved rate-setting mechanism; and
3. To participate in the various aspects of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and a hearing.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many HON proceedings over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all correspondence related to this proceeding and copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to:

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Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

*Julie E. Girvan*

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CC: HON, Regulatory Affairs  
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