



Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges effective January 1, 2021**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
October 9, 2020**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an annual rate update application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 31, 2020 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2021.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on September 17, 2020. Each of Association Of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME), Power Workers' Union (PWU), School Energy Coalition (SEC), Society of United Professionals (SUP) and Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA) applied for intervenor status. AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, CME, SEC and QMA also applied for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Hydro One.

AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, CME, PWU, SEC, SUP and QMA are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, CME, SEC and QMA are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. However, this proceeding primarily involves mechanistic adjustments. Accordingly, cost awards will be limited to activities related to Hydro One's request to dispose of the balances in the deferral and variance accounts and the Earnings Sharing Mechanism account.

In their letters of intervention PWU, SUP and QMA provide very broad descriptions of their areas of interest. As noted above, the OEB expects its review of this application to be primarily a mechanistic process. The OEB therefore expects that parties' participation will reflect the limited scope of this proceeding. In addition, intervenors are expected to coordinate their participation with each other to every extent possible.

Cost-eligible intervenors are reminded of the limited scope of costs awards and should note that in making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues and that they made reasonable efforts to avoid duplication. Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Hydro One and all other parties by **October 16, 2020**.
2. Intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence already filed by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Hydro One and all other parties by **October 19, 2020**.
3. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all Intervenors by **October 26, 2020**.
4. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **November 13, 2020**.
5. Hydro One may file a written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on intervenors by **November 23, 2020**.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2020-0030**, and be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice>. 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

<https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to registrar@oeb.ca.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Martin Davies at Martin.Davies@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **October 9, 2020**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Christine E. Long

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar

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