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BY EMAIL AND RESS

July 12, 2021

Ms. Christine E. Long, Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street  
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**EB-2020-0246 - Implementing the Ontario Energy Board's Decision to Eliminate the Hydro One Networks Inc. Distribution Seasonal Rate Class – Extension Request**

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The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) determined in its Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) 2015-2017 distribution rates Decision (March 2015 Decision) that Hydro One's seasonal rates class should be eliminated and existing seasonal class customers should be moved to one of three Hydro One residential rate classes according to their density.

Following a number of additional procedural steps, Hydro One filed an updated Seasonal Report on July 19, 2019 (2019 Seasonal Report) that provided options for how the seasonal class should be eliminated, including considerations of customer bill impacts and alternative approaches to mitigation.

The OEB identified that there are two specific issues in this proceeding:

- 1) how to implement the decision to eliminate the seasonal class; and
- 2) for those who will be experiencing rate increases of 10% or greater a year, the best approach to mitigating these increases, exclusive of maintaining the seasonal class

On May 26, the OEB issued Procedural Order #2 (PO#2) which directed OEB staff and intervenors to file written interrogatories (IRs) by June 22 and June 29, respectively. PO#2 also directed Hydro One to file complete written responses to the IRs with the OEB by July 20.

Hydro One has reviewed the IRs received from OEB staff and intervenors, which include 268 questions (with parts). Many IRs are complex and will require reworking the various models and spreadsheets used in the 2019 Seasonal Report. Hydro One has a resourcing challenge in

responding to the numerous IRs received, in part due to the fact that we are in the final stages of preparing the pre-filed evidence for our joint Transmission and Distribution rate application (JRAP), which will be filed in early August. Those same resources are also initiating the work required to prepare Hydro One's 2022 annual distribution and transmission applications, which includes submissions for Hydro One Distribution, Hydro One's acquired utilities (Norfolk, Haldimand, Woodstock, Peterborough and Orillia), Hydro One Transmission, Hydro One Sault Saint Marie, Bruce to Milton LP, and Niagara Reinforcement LP.

Having reviewed the number and complexity of interrogatories, and taking into consideration the resourcing constraints discussed above as well as staff availability during this period, Hydro One has determined that the earliest it will be possible to file responses to the IRs is August 17, which represents a four-week extension to the July 20 date specified in PO #2. Hydro One is actively working on preparing responses and anticipates being able to provide complete responses to all IRs that are within the scope of the identified issues of this proceeding.

A copy of this request has been filed electronically using the OEB's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H. Andre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a long horizontal stroke.

Henry Andre