



Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Implementing the Ontario Energy Board's Decision to
Eliminate the Hydro One Networks Inc. Distribution
Seasonal Rate Class**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3
July 16, 2021**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) determined in its Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) 2015-2017 distribution rates Decision¹ (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. This was based on OEB's finding that the distribution rates currently charged to seasonal customers do not appropriately reflect the cost to serve them.

Extension Request

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 2 on May 26, 2021 which, among other matters, set out procedural steps for this case, including a July 20, 2021 deadline for Hydro One to respond to OEB staff and intervenor interrogatories.

On July 12, 2021, Hydro One filed a letter with the OEB requesting a four-week extension of the deadline to file responses to interrogatories, from July 20, 2021 to August 17, 2021, due to the resourcing challenge described in that [letter](#)².

The OEB grants Hydro One's request. This will necessitate the adjustment of the remaining steps in this proceeding. Accordingly, the deadlines for procedural steps set out in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of Procedural Order No. 2 are superseded by the dates below.

¹ EB-2013-0416/EB-2014-0247, Decision, March 12, 2015

² EB-2020-0246, Extension Request Letter, July 12, 2021

Scope Clarification

The OEB wishes to remind the parties that in accordance with its recent [clarification letter](#)³, the scope of the current proceeding is to address the following two issues:

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

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **August 17, 2021**.
2. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **September 8, 2021**.
3. Hydro One may file a written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on intervenors by **September 29, 2021**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

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³ EB-2020-0246, Letter, July 2, 2021

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

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DATED at Toronto, **July 16, 2021**

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