

BY EMAIL

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Dear Ms. Kempton:

**Re: Request for Intervenor Status** 

Hydro One Networks Inc. Request for an Accounting Order to Establish a Regulatory Account for Affiliate Transmission Projects Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2021-0169

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 22, 2021 requesting that Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP) be granted intervenor status in the above proceeding and be eligible for cost awards. Your letter also stated that GLP will abide by the deadlines imposed to-date by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and is not seeking any amendments to the proceeding as scheduled.

While no objection was received from Hydro One for GLP's intervention request, the OEB would like to clarify the scope of this proceeding for GLP.

GLP's letter refers to participation and potential ownership of the Waasigan project. Hydro One's current application is not for approval of that project. The Wassigan project is already under development as directed in the 2013 Order in Council. The scope of this proceeding is to establish an Accounting Order for this and a number of other projects which are "expected to be owned by and included in the rate base of a transmission-licenced New Partnership, and will not form part of Hydro One's rate base."

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Based on this description of the scope of this proceeding, and assuming that GLP is still interested in becoming an intervenor, the OEB approves GLP's request for intervenor status and cost award eligibility in accordance with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (Practice Direction). Among other matters, the Practice Direction sets out the OEB's considerations in determining the amount of a cost award to a party. Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

The procedural schedule established through Procedural Order No. 1, dated July 12, 2021, remains unchanged. GLP is reminded that interrogatories are due to be submitted to Hydro One on Tuesday July 27, 2021. Further, on July 21, 2021, the OEB issued an approved issues list that identified the issues that the OEB will consider in this proceeding. GLP should refer to the approved issues list and structure its participation in keeping with the issues list.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long Registrar