



Quinte Manufacturers Association

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Ms. Christine Long
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Ontario Energy Board
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Via e-mail

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Dear Ms. Long:

Re: EB-2021-0110 - Hydro One Networks Inc. Application for Transmission and Distribution Rates and Other Charges Effective January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2027 ("Application") - Quinte Manufacturers Association Intervenor Request Letter

In response to the Ontario Energy Board's recent notice to customers of Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI"), and an initial review of the evidence filed, the Quinte Manufacturers Association ("QMA" or "Association") respectfully applies for intervenor status in the above-noted proceeding.

Intervenor Background

The Quinte Manufacturers Association is an organization of small and medium manufacturers and processors located in the greater Bay of Quinte region which includes the cities of Belleville and Quinte West. The Association is an unfunded industry collaborative that provides a forum for all members to discuss issues and matters of common concern including the costs of electricity supply, transmission, distribution and service. The work of the QMA represents the specific interests of its members that directly employ over 11,460 people in the region. It is led by a volunteer steering committee with members drawn from local manufacturers. The QMA is the respected voice of manufacturing in the Quinte region.

Statement of Interest

Members of the QMA cover a diverse cross section of business sectors including: food processing; plastics and packaging; logistics; auto parts; paper, and aerospace. Together, QMA member manufacturers and allied businesses contribute approximately \$6.7B to the total \$12.3B economic output of the Quinte region. Electricity supply, transmission, distribution and service are considered critical components for all manufacturing and processing purposes. Consequently, HONI's joint rate application under a custom incentive rate-setting framework for a five-year term is of significant interest QMA members. Members are concerned with the potential impact on operations and related costs going forward as a result of the above-noted adjustments to rates and other service charges reflected in the Application.

Intervention

The QMA is requesting intervenor status in this proceeding. The Bay of Quinte region is growing with increasing demand for electrical transmission and distribution service in all rate classes affecting QMA members. Given the nature of HONI's joint rate Application, the QMA is intervening to ensure that the interests of its members are represented and that its participation is helpful to the Board in its determinations. The QMA believes that under



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the current COVID-19 circumstances, an in-person oral hearing is not necessary and the issues in the Application that are of concern to the Association can be properly examined through a combination virtual/written hearing process. Certain issues may be suitable for settlement discussions in advance of the hearing. The QMA intends to participate fully in the hearing process in matters that may impact its members.

Costs

The QMA believes that it meets the eligibility requirements set out in the Ontario Energy Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The QMA will be requesting an award of its reasonably incurred costs to retain qualified consulting support for its intervention.

Communications

The QMA requests that correspondence and documentation related to the proceeding be sent by e-mail to:

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Respectfully,

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