



# ANISHINABEK NATION

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September 13, 2021

Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th floor  
P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: EB-2021-0110 – Hydro One Network Inc. Application

Dear Ontario Energy Board:

On behalf of the 39 First Nations that make up the Anishinabek Nation, I would like to formally oppose the Hydro One Network Inc. (HONI) application, EB-2021-0110, whereby HONI is proposing to increase the charges for the use of their transmission and distribution systems.

HONI currently owns and operates within First Nation territories within Ontario. They have stated that their plan was developed through the understanding of the current and future needs of their customers. The Anishinabek Nation believes that HONI has not consulted First Nations properly and lacks the understanding of the current capacities needed to update the current and future infrastructure needs of First Nations.

Additionally, they have failed to understand how this increase is going to negatively impact First Nation operations as a community and for individual members. First Nation administrative budgets will be see an increase in operations costs for their administrative buildings, which would take financial capacities away from crucial services for their members.

Furthermore, HONI has failed to consult First Nations regarding access and development of First Nation territories for their infrastructure. First Nations have jurisdictional rights supported through Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982 and economic rights, in respect to their lands, through Articles 32 of United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

To reiterate, HONI's application, EB-2021-0110, should not be approved and HONI should conduct more consultations to better understand how this increase will effect the end customers financially. Additionally, First Nations need to be better consulted meaningfully and in a timely matter.

Should any additional information be needed, please contact Giselle Aiabens, Executive Liaison via email [giselle.aiabens@anishinabek.ca](mailto:giselle.aiabens@anishinabek.ca) or at (705) 968-1433.

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