



Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for electricity transmission and distribution
rates and other charges for the period from January 1,
2023 to December 31, 2027**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
September 17, 2021**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application dated August 5, 2021, with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro One charges for electricity transmission and distribution, beginning January 1, 2023 and for each following year through to December 31, 2027.

On August 12, 2021, OEB staff held a session for interested parties to seek feedback on a proposed schedule for processing the Hydro One application. OEB staff was provided with a number of suggestions related to scheduling and various procedural steps. In some areas, there were competing views. As Registrar, I have considered those comments. In developing a schedule for this application, some, but not all of those suggestions have been incorporated into the schedule.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on August 19, 2021. To date, the OEB has received approximately 100 letters of comment from Hydro One customers. The letters have been placed on the record of this proceeding and are publicly available on the OEB's website. Hydro One is required to address the issues raised in letters of comment by way of a document filed in this proceeding.

The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Canadian Union of Skilled Workers (CUSW)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Distributed Resource Coalition (DRC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)

- ENWIN Utilities Ltd. (ENWIN)
- Essex Powerlines Corporation (EPLC)
- Ice River Sustainable Solutions (IRSS)
- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)
- Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG)
- Pollution Probe
- Power Workers' Union (PWU)
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- Richard Gruchala
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Society of United Professionals (SUP)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

AMPCO, Anwaatin, CCC, CME, DRC, Energy Probe, LPMA, OFA, Pollution Probe, QMA, SEC, and VECC also applied for cost eligibility.

On September 16 and 17, 2021, Hydro One advised that it had no objections to the requests for intervenor status in this proceeding.

All requests for intervenor status are approved. The list of parties to this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. Subject to the requirements outlined below with respect to cost eligibility for participation in the proceeding by any experts retained by intervenors, the OEB has also approved all of the requests for cost eligibility.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance at procedural events of more than one representative of any party. If a party intends to have more than one representative attend an event, the party should file a letter explaining why that is necessary.

Individuals who seek and are granted cost eligibility should carefully review the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#) for information about the types of costs and disbursements that an individual may claim. For example, while wage or salary losses incurred as a result of participating in an OEB hearing, may be claimed, fees are not generally permitted to be claimed by individuals under the OEB's Cost Award Tariff.

If any cost eligible intervenor plans to file expert evidence in this proceeding, the intervenor must file a letter with the OEB describing the nature of the evidence, whether

the expert evidence will be commissioned jointly with other intervenors, and the estimated cost. The estimated cost should include an explanation of any assumptions regarding the purpose and scope of the participation of the expert in the proceeding, and should include an estimate of any incremental time that will be spent by the intervenor's counsel or any other consultant(s) in relation to the expert evidence. The OEB is also making provision for OEB staff to file a letter relating to any expert evidence OEB staff plans to file. After reviewing this material, the OEB will consider whether and to what extent any costs associated with the participation of any expert(s) or the preparation of any expert report(s) will be eligible for cost recovery in accordance with the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of an OEB order, typically at the end of a hearing.

Treatment of UTR-Related Issues & the Export Transmission Service Rate

The OEB has decided to commence a separate, generic proceeding on its own motion to review a number of issues related to the Uniform Transmission Rates (UTR). These issues have been identified in the years since Ontario's UTR framework was established in Hydro One's first rate application proceeding in 2000, and implemented in 2002 following the opening of Ontario's electricity market. Issues that will be addressed in the generic UTR proceeding will be considered beyond the scope of the current proceeding, subject to any related administrative, interim or other determinations that might be required in this proceeding. The OEB is of the view that it makes sense to address these issues in a separate proceeding given that they affect all licensed and rate regulated transmitters in Ontario.

The OEB has identified an initial set of UTR-related issues to be addressed in the separate, generic UTR proceeding. These issues may be revised, and additional issues may be raised, based on input from transmitters, customers and other stakeholders. The initial issues identified by the OEB are summarized in Schedule B.

The OEB is of the view that it is also appropriate to deal with the Export Transmission Service (ETS) rate issue as part of the separate, generic UTR proceeding. Hydro One filed evidence on the ETS rate in the current application.¹ In response to OEB direction², Hydro One's ETS evidence includes a cost allocation study, an updated jurisdictional review, and a commentary on market implications of the ETS prepared

¹ Exhibit H / Tab 9 / Schedule 1 and Attachments 1-3.

² EB-2019-0082 / Decision and Order / April 23, 2020 / p. 180.

by the IESO.

Hydro One's application does not include a specific proposal for setting the ETS – although there are a number of cost allocation options identified in the evidence, Hydro One has assumed no change to the current ETS rate of \$1.85/MWh in its application.

Similarly, the IESO's commentary discusses the implications of an increased ETS rate for the Ontario market and states that any increase in the ETS rate will reduce the value of interties, leading to less system flexibility and higher costs for Ontario consumers, but it also does not recommend a specific ETS rate for consideration by the OEB.

The evidence filed by Hydro One and the IESO will no doubt be helpful in considering the appropriate ETS rate, however, the OEB has determined that it would be assisted by further clarity from Hydro One and the IESO as to their view of what ETS rate should be adopted. Specifically, the OEB would be assisted by clarification on whether Hydro One proposes to adopt any of the cost allocation options identified in its ETS evidence and what Hydro One recommends the ETS rate ought to be. Similarly, the OEB would be assisted by clarification on what ETS rate the IESO recommends, whether that is zero or otherwise. The OEB requests that Hydro One and the IESO clarify their recommended ETS rate in writing, either separately or, preferably, as a joint recommendation if the IESO and Hydro One are able to reach a singular view. This clarification is to be filed on September 30, 2021 as part of the separate, generic proceeding, which will be assigned OEB file no. EB-2021-0243.

Including the ETS issue in the separate, generic proceeding will lend focus to the issue and facilitate participation by transmitters and other stakeholders. The ETS evidence that Hydro One has already filed, as well as the clarifications requested by the OEB, will be considered in the separate, generic proceeding instead of in the current proceeding.

The first phase of the separate, generic proceeding will be the ETS issue, and consideration of the UTR-related issues will follow.

A procedural schedule for the separate generic proceeding will be established in due course. In the meantime, the OEB requests that Hydro One work with the IESO to provide the OEB with an estimate of how long it will take to provide the requested clarifications regarding the ETS evidence.

The OEB asks intervenors in the current proceeding to advise the OEB by September 24, 2021 whether they will want to participate in the separate, generic proceeding on the

ETS and other generic UTR-related issues, and if so, whether they will also continue to participate in the current proceeding.

It is expected that the conclusion of the separate, generic proceeding will allow Hydro One and other transmitters to incorporate applicable outcomes from the UTR-related issues in their subsequent rate applications.

Blue Page Update

Hydro One has indicated that a “blue page update” to the pre-filed evidence, reflecting 2021 actuals, could be filed in mid-April 2022, but it would need sufficient time to prepare such update. The OEB wishes to address the matter of the need for a blue page update in the early stages of this proceeding because an update could materially impact the timing of procedural steps, and to ensure that Hydro One has sufficient time to prepare a blue page update, if needed.

The OEB asks for submissions from parties on whether a blue page update is necessary in this proceeding. Intervenor and OEB staff may make submissions in this regard by September 28, 2021. Hydro One may file a submission by October 5, 2021. Intervenor and OEB staff may file reply submissions on October 12, 2021. The OEB panel will issue a decision on whether a blue page update shall be filed in this proceeding once it has considered any submissions.

Confidential Filings

Under separate letter, dated August 5, 2021, counsel to Hydro One filed a letter with the OEB seeking confidential treatment of certain portions, or the entirety, of documents filed as part of Hydro One’s pre-filed evidence. The documents at issue include:

1. Hydro One’s 2020 Corporate Tax Return at Exhibit E / Tab 9 / Schedule 3 / Attachment 1 (the Tax Return)
2. The Confidential Labour Relations Strategy Appendix at Exhibit E / Tab 6 / Schedule 1 / Attachment 5 (the Appendix)

In accordance with the OEB’s [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#) (Practice Direction), Hydro One has explained why it considers the information at issue to be confidential and the reasons why public disclosure of that information would be detrimental. Hydro One has filed a redacted version of the Tax Return as part of its public filing and an unredacted version as part of its confidential filing. Hydro One has

filed an unredacted version of the Appendix as part of its confidential filing, but has not filed a redacted version as it has requested that the Appendix be maintained in confidence in its entirety. It has, however, provided a description of the Appendix.

Decision on the Tax Return

The OEB has reviewed the information in the Tax Return. The OEB will grant Hydro One's request for confidential treatment of the corporate business number of Hydro One, the corporate business numbers of Hydro One's affiliated companies, and Hydro One's registration number for deferred income plans. The OEB accepts the request for confidentiality on the grounds that the information being redacted in the Tax Return is commercially sensitive and disclosure of such could expose Hydro One and other parties to the risk of fraud or other malicious acts. The OEB notes that it granted confidential treatment to information of this type in Hydro One's previous cost of service transmission rates proceeding.³ Accordingly, this information will only be disclosed to a party in the proceeding from whom the OEB accepts a Declaration and Undertaking with respect to confidentiality under section 6.1 of the Practice Direction.

Included in the Tax Return are the names of students and apprentices that are, or were, previously employed by Hydro One, as well as names and addresses of certain individuals who are non-residents and to whom Hydro One made payments. Hydro One submits that this is personal information and is not subject to disclosure, whether publicly or in confidence. The OEB is satisfied that this information is personal information. Accordingly, pursuant to section 4.3 of the Practice Direction, this personal information will not be placed on the public record or disclosed to any party in the proceeding, including those from whom the OEB accepts a Declaration and Undertaking with respect to confidentiality under section 6.1 of the Practice Direction.

Treatment of the Appendix

The Appendix outlines, among other things, key elements of Hydro One's labour relations strategy for upcoming rounds of collective bargaining and highlights various considerations / factors that impact Hydro One's negotiating power. The information contained in the Appendix is characterized as being labour sensitive and, if disclosed, would prejudice Hydro One's position in upcoming rounds of collective bargaining with the PWU, Society and any other unions with whom Hydro One negotiates.

Hydro One requested that access to the Appendix only be provided to individuals who execute and file the OEB's Declaration and Undertaking. Hydro One also requested,

³ EB-2019-0082 / Decision on Confidentiality / September 11, 2019 / p. 3.

with regard to the PWU, Society and any other unions, that only external counsel and / or external consultants representing the unions in this proceeding be permitted to have access to the Appendix if they execute and file:

1. The OEB's Declaration and Undertaking
2. An affidavit or sworn declaration confirming that he / she is at arms-length from the union and is not (and will not be) involved in any way in collective bargaining on behalf of the union through to the end of the rate period covered by the application

A decision on the confidential treatment of the Appendix and the proposed condition for only external counsel and / or external consultants for the unions obtaining access to the Appendix – after executing and filing a Declaration and Undertaking and affidavit – will not be made at this time. The OEB seeks submissions from parties on Hydro One's requests. Intervenor and OEB staff may file submissions by September 28, 2021. Hydro One may file a submission by October 5, 2021. The OEB panel will issue a decision on the confidential treatment of the Appendix and the proposed conditions once it has considered any submissions.

Procedural Matters – Confidentiality

Intervenor who wish to review the information in the Tax Return (excluding the personal information contained in the Tax Return) may do so after signing a copy of the OEB's [Declaration and Undertaking](#), subject to Hydro One's right to object to the sharing of confidential information with a person who has signed the Declaration and Undertaking. The process for any such objection is set out below.

With respect to reviewing information in the Appendix, individuals who are not representing a union and are not external counsel and / or external consultants to a union, may do so after signing a copy of the OEB's Declaration and Undertaking. Union employees, officers, directors and members, including internal counsel and internal consultants to a union, will not be given access to the Appendix. For individuals who are representing a union and are external counsel and / or external consultants to a union, an interim measure will be in place until the OEB panel issues its decision on the confidentiality request. The interim measure establishes that only external counsel and / or external consultants representing the PWU, Society and any other unions be permitted to review information in the Appendix after signing the OEB's Declaration and Undertaking, and an affidavit as outlined above.

Signed Declarations and Undertakings, and affidavits as applicable, are to be filed with the OEB, with copies provided to Hydro One. If Hydro One has any objections with respect to sharing confidential information with any party that has signed the Declaration and Undertaking and affidavit, as applicable, it must, within five days from the receipt of the signed Declaration and Undertaking and affidavit, as applicable, file its objection with the OEB and copy the relevant party. If the party to whom the objection is directed wishes to respond to the objection, it must file its reply within five days from the receipt of the objection.

Reply on Expert Evidence

Hydro One filed a letter with the OEB, dated September 16, 2021. In that letter, Hydro One took the position that it should be allowed to file reply evidence in response to evidence filed by OEB staff and / or intervenors.

Parties are asked to provide any submissions they may wish to make on Hydro One's request to file reply evidence. Intervenors and OEB staff may file submissions by September 28, 2021. Hydro One may provide a reply submission by October 5, 2021. The OEB panel will issue a decision on whether there will be provision for any reply evidence once it has considered any submissions.

Interrogatories

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories. Parties should examine the value presented by the proposed investments as opposed to focusing only on the costs. Parties should also assess the fit between Hydro One's plans and its stated objectives, and consider how the plans contribute to positive outcomes for customers, in particular those outcomes that arise from the asset management decisions reflected in Hydro One's transmission and distribution system plans. The OEB will consider the entire five-year transmission and distribution system plans to assess the planning and pacing proposals of Hydro One and whether the test year requests are appropriately aligned with the transmission and distribution system plans. The OEB will also consider productivity and benchmarking results in assessing cost forecasts, bill impacts and utility performance.

Parties should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be material. Parties should use the materiality thresholds documented in Chapter 2 of the OEB's [Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications](#) as a guide. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made

reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Parties should consult Rules 26 and 27 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) for the naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories. For this proceeding, the OEB will be using the exhibits as the reference for naming interrogatories. The numbering for each interrogatory should be continuous. Parties should not restart the numbering for interrogatories associated with each exhibit. As an example, if OEB staff's fifth interrogatory is related to rate base (Exhibit C), it would be titled as 'C-Staff-5'. If OEB staff's 40th interrogatory is related to OM&A (Exhibit E) it would be titled as 'E-Staff-40'.

Issues List Hearing

It is the OEB's expectation that parties will be best positioned to identify issues relevant to Hydro One's application after responses to interrogatories have been provided.

Hydro One, OEB staff and intervenors shall develop a proposed issues list for the OEB's consideration. The OEB intends to use Hydro One's proposed issues list from the pre-filed evidence, attached as Schedule C to this Procedural Order, as the basis for these conversations. OEB staff will email Hydro One and intervenors on December 7, 2021 to solicit views with respect to the draft issues list. Parties are encouraged to reach a consensus on the issues list.

OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the OEB in writing that the parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list, by January 10, 2022.

If parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list, the OEB will hold a transcribed issues list hearing on January 14, 2022. Parties intending to participate are to notify the OEB and copy all parties by January 11, 2022.

The OEB will approve an issues list prior to the settlement conference.

Technical Conference

A technical conference will be held to provide for clarification on interrogatory responses. In preparation for the transcribed technical conference, the OEB will require parties to file a description of the specific areas that they will be focusing on and an estimate of time required for each area of focus. This will allow a technical conference

schedule to be developed. If parties wish to file specific questions in advance, they may do so.

The technical conference will start on December 13, 2021 and continue until December 17, 2021, if necessary.

Motions Hearing

The OEB is making provision for a transcribed motions hearing, if necessary. The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for the OEB to address any motions that were filed with respect to interrogatory responses, technical conference responses, and other matters during the course of the proceeding.

Settlement Conference

The OEB is making provision for a settlement conference to be held from February 7 to February 10, 2022. Before 4:45 p.m. on the final day of the settlement conference (February 10, 2022), a letter from OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB (the settlement progress letter). The settlement progress letter will indicate, based on OEB staff's canvassing of the parties, whether parties believe that a full, or substantial but incomplete, settlement is achievable if additional time is granted.

The OEB panel will evaluate whether there is value in the settlement conference continuing based on the settlement progress letter. If there is the prospect of a full, or substantial but incomplete, settlement, the OEB panel may provide for the settlement conference to proceed on February 11, 2022 and beyond that date. However, if parties do not believe that a full, or substantial but incomplete, settlement is likely, the OEB panel may end the settlement conference on February 10, 2022 and proceed to an oral hearing.

Illustrative Schedules

The OEB has attached three illustrative hearing schedules in Schedule D reflecting a scenario where no blue page update is filed. The three illustrative schedules are aligned until the settlement conference. Depending on the substance of the settlement progress letter filed by the parties and / or the outcome of the settlement conference (i.e., full settlement, substantial but incomplete settlement, or a letter advising that there is little prospect of a substantial settlement), the OEB has shown illustrative impacts to the remainder of the hearing schedule. There are other scenarios that may occur in this proceeding (e.g., the settlement progress letter advises that a substantial settlement is

achievable and additional time is granted by the OEB, but in the end no, or a very limited, settlement is reached). Therefore, the procedural steps after the start of the settlement conference should be viewed as illustrative.

This Procedural Order only provides procedural steps to the end of the settlement conference as currently scheduled (February 10, 2022) and assumes no need for a blue page update. The OEB will provide next steps after reviewing the settlement progress letter.

The OEB notes that the precise dates, or need, for an oral hearing will not be known until after the conclusion of the settlement conference. However, if an oral hearing is required, it will likely be held during the late-February to April 2022 period. The OEB expects Hydro One and intervenors to plan accordingly.

The requirement for a blue page update will not be known until after the OEB has considered any submissions from parties on this matter. To assist parties in their planning, three illustrative hearing schedules, which account for a blue page update being filed, are attached in Schedule E. Like the schedules provided in Schedule D, the three illustrative schedules are aligned until the settlement conference. The procedural steps after the settlement conference vary based on the outcomes of the settlement conference.

The illustrative hearing schedules provided in Schedules D and E contemplate the proceeding being in abeyance for the winter holidays and the March break period, as the OEB considers these to be periods of limited availability for the parties. In the case of Schedule E, the schedules also contemplate the proceeding being in abeyance for a period associated with the blue page update. The proceeding will be unable to progress until the updated evidence has been filed with the OEB.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Treatment of UTR-Related Issues & the Export Transmission Service Rate

1. Intervenors in the current proceeding shall indicate to the OEB whether they intend to participate in the separate, generic proceeding on UTR-related issues and the ETS rate (EB-2021-0243) and, if so, whether they will also continue to participate in the current proceeding, by **September 24, 2021**.

2. Hydro One, working with the IESO, shall file with the OEB an estimate of how long it will take Hydro One and the IESO to provide the OEB with the clarification requested above on the ETS evidence filed in the current application by **September 30, 2021**. The clarification is to be filed as part of the separate, generic proceeding, which will be assigned EB-2021-0243.

Blue Page Update

3. Intervenors and OEB staff may make submissions on the need for a blue page update and shall file such submissions with the OEB and deliver them to Hydro One and all other parties on or before **September 28, 2021**.
4. If Hydro One wishes to file a submission on the need for a blue page update, it shall file such submission with the OEB and deliver it to intervenors on or before **October 5, 2021**.
5. Intervenors and OEB staff may reply to the submission from Hydro One on the need for a blue page update and shall file such submissions with the OEB and deliver them to Hydro One and all other parties on or before **October 12, 2021**.

Confidential Filings

6. The OEB approves Hydro One's proposed confidential treatment of personal information and information contained in the Tax Return.
7. OEB staff and intervenors wishing to make submissions on the request for the confidential treatment of the Appendix in its entirety and the proposed conditions shall file such submissions with the OEB and deliver them to Hydro One and all other parties on or before **September 28, 2021**.
8. If Hydro One wishes to respond to the submissions of OEB staff and intervenors, it shall file such submissions with the OEB and deliver them to intervenors on or before **October 5, 2021**.
9. Intervenors who wish to review the information in the Tax Return (excluding the personal information contained in the Tax Return) may do so after signing a copy of the OEB's [Declaration and Undertaking](#), subject to Hydro One's right to object to the sharing of confidential information with a person who has signed the Declaration and Undertaking.

10. With respect to reviewing information in the Appendix, individuals who are not representing a union and are not external counsel and / or external consultants to a union, may do so after signing a copy of the OEB's Declaration and Undertaking. Union employees, officers, directors and members, including internal counsel and internal consultants to a union, will not be given access to the Appendix. For individuals who are representing a union and are external counsel and / or external consultants to a union, an interim measure will be in place until the OEB panel issues its decision on the confidentiality request. The interim measure establishes that only external counsel and / or external consultants representing the PWU, Society and any other unions be permitted to review information in the Appendix after signing the OEB's Declaration and Undertaking, and an affidavit, as outlined above.
11. Signed Declarations and Undertakings, and affidavits as applicable, are to be filed with the OEB, with copies provided to Hydro One. If Hydro One has any objections with respect to sharing confidential information with any party that has signed the Declaration and Undertaking and affidavit, as applicable, it must, within five days from the receipt of the signed Declaration and Undertaking and affidavit, as applicable, file its objection with the OEB and copy the relevant party. If the party to whom the objection is directed wishes to respond to the objection, it must file its reply within five days from the receipt of the objection.

Reply on Expert Evidence

12. Intervenors and OEB staff may make submissions on Hydro One's letter regarding the provision for reply on expert evidence and shall file such submissions with the OEB and deliver them to Hydro One and all other parties on or before **September 28, 2021**.
13. If Hydro One wishes to respond to the submissions of intervenors and OEB staff, it shall file such submissions with the OEB and deliver them to intervenors on or before **October 5, 2021**.

Interrogatories

14. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **October 26, 2021**.

15. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors and OEB staff by **November 29, 2021**.

Issues List Hearing

16. OEB staff shall email Hydro One and intervenors on **December 7, 2021** to solicit views with respect to the draft issues list.
17. OEB staff shall file an agreed upon issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the OEB in writing that the parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list by **January 10, 2022**.
18. If necessary, a transcribed issues list hearing will be held on **January 14, 2022** starting at 9:30 a.m. This event will likely be conducted virtually. Further information on how to connect to the event will be communicated to parties closer to the date. Parties intending to participate are to notify the OEB and copy all parties by **January 11, 2021**.

Technical Conference

19. A transcribed technical conference will be held on **December 13, 2021** starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the technical conference will continue to **December 17, 2021**. OEB staff and intervenors shall file with the OEB, and provide to Hydro One, a description of the specific areas they will focus on at the technical conference, and time estimates by **December 6, 2021**. This event will likely be conducted virtually. Further information on how to connect to the event will be communicated to parties closer to the date.

OEB Staff and Intervenor Evidence

20. OEB staff shall inform the OEB by letter of its plans to file expert evidence in this proceeding by **September 24, 2021**. Intervenors shall inform the OEB by letter of their plans to file expert evidence in this proceeding, and the estimated costs including assumptions regarding the participation of the expert in the proceeding and incremental time that will be spent by the intervenor's counsel or any other consultant(s) in relation to the expert evidence by **October 8, 2021**.
21. If OEB staff or any intervenor would like to file expert evidence that is relevant to this proceeding, that evidence shall be filed with the OEB, and copied to Hydro One and intervenors, by **January 12, 2022**.

22. If any party is seeking information and material with respect to any evidence filed by OEB staff or any intervenor that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB, and that is relevant to this proceeding, that information shall be requested by written interrogatories filed with the OEB, and copied to Hydro One and intervenors by **January 24, 2022**.
23. OEB staff or intervenors that receive interrogatories on their evidence shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories and copy the responses to Hydro One and intervenors by **February 2, 2022**.

Motions Hearing

24. If necessary, a transcribed motions hearing will be held on **January 19, 2022** starting at 9:30 a.m. to hear any motions that have been filed. This event will likely be conducted virtually. Further information on how to connect to the event will be communicated to parties closer to the date.

Settlement Conference

25. A settlement conference will be convened on **February 7, 2022** starting at 9:30 a.m. The settlement conference is currently being scheduled to end on **February 10, 2022** (subject to the OEB's determination on the value of additional settlement time based on the substance of the settlement progress letter). This event will likely be conducted virtually. Further information on how to connect to the event will be communicated to parties closer to the date.
26. OEB staff shall file the settlement progress letter with the OEB by **February 10, 2022**. The settlement progress letter will indicate if parties believe that a full, or substantial but incomplete, settlement is achievable if additional time is granted.

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](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2021-0110** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable / unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [Filing Systems page](#) on the OEB's website
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance

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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Managers, Martin Davies at Martin.Davies@oeb.ca and Tracy Garner at Tracy.Garner@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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Schedule A

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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Schedule B

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**Initial Issues to be Considered in the Separate, Generic UTR
Proceeding**

INITIAL ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE SEPARATE, GENERIC UTR PROCEEDING

1. Timing of UTR decisions

Overview of issue: Transmitter revenue requirements are recovered through UTRs which are charged to all wholesale market participants, including electricity distributors. The timing of transmitter revenue requirement proceedings does not always allow for the annual UTR decision to be finalized in December for January 1. This can lead to forgone revenue, which must then be calculated and included when UTRs are updated. In addition, new transmitters are being added to UTRs when their assets come into service, and this does not always align with a January 1 UTR update.

2. Number of decimal places for UTRs

Overview of issue: UTRs paid by transmission customers are calculated to two decimal places (unlike distribution rates, which are calculated to four decimal places). This may limit the options to address one or more of the issues identified.

3. Prorating transmission charges for new connections to account for when the connection took place in the month

Overview of issue: Transmission customers are charged a monthly rate (\$ per kW) for line connection billing demand and a monthly rate (\$ per kW) for transformation connection billing demand. Line connection and transformation connection charges for newly connected transmission customers in their first month of connection are not revised upward or downward in proportion to when in the month the new connection was made.

4. Charges caused by planned transmission outages

Overview of issue: In a month when a planned transmission outage occurs, a transmission customer that transfers its load to another of its delivery points is charged more than it would be if the outage did not occur. This is because transmission charges are based on the monthly peak at each delivery point.

5. Calculation of network charge determinant

Overview of issue: A transmission customer's network pool charge determinant is based on the higher of its coincident peak demand and 85% of its non-coincident peak demand. The 85% value was established over 20 years ago and may warrant a review.

6. Basis for billing energy storage facilities

Overview of issue: The UTR is not explicit on whether energy storage facilities should continue to be treated as non-renewable generating units with a threshold for gross load billing of 1 MW for the transformation and connection rate pools paid for by transmission customers. Clarification is currently provided to transmission customers through OEB guidance on a case-by-case basis.

7. Gross load billing thresholds for renewable and non-renewable generation

Overview of issue There has been some uncertainty around the application of gross load billing exemptions by transmission customers for renewable and non-renewable generation. Clarification is currently provided to transmission customers through OEB guidance.

Schedule C

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Proposed Issues List

DRAFT ISSUES LIST

1.0 GENERAL

1. Has Hydro One responded appropriately to all relevant Ontario Energy Board (OEB) directions from previous Transmission and Distribution rate proceedings?
2. Are all elements of the proposed Transmission and Distribution revenue requirements and their associated total bill impacts reasonable?
3. Were Hydro One's customer engagement activities sufficient to enable customer needs and preferences to be considered in the formulation of its proposed spending?
4. Does Hydro One's investment planning process consider appropriate planning criteria and adequately address the condition of system assets?

2.0 CUSTOM APPLICATION

5. Are all components of Hydro One's proposed Transmission and Distribution Custom Incentive Rate Methodologies appropriate?

3.0 TRANSMISSION SYSTEM PLAN

6. Does the Transmission System Plan adequately address customer needs and preferences?
7. Are the proposed Transmission capital expenditures appropriate?
8. Is the Transmission benchmarking evidence sufficient?

4.0 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLAN

9. Does the Distribution System Plan adequately address customer needs and preferences?
10. Are the proposed Distribution capital expenditures appropriate?
11. Is the Distribution benchmarking evidence sufficient?

5.0 GENERAL PLANT SYSTEM PLAN

12. Does the General Plant System Plan adequately address customer needs and preferences?

13. Are the proposed General Plant capital expenditures appropriate?

14. Is the General Plant benchmarking evidence sufficient?

15. Are the methodologies used to allocate Common Corporate capital expenditures to the Transmission and Distribution businesses and to determine the Overhead Capitalization Rates for the Transmission and Distribution businesses appropriate?

6.0 PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

16. Has Hydro One taken appropriate steps to identify and quantify productivity improvements in all areas of its Transmission and Distribution operations?

17. Are the metrics in the proposed Transmission and Distribution scorecards appropriate?

7.0 OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE & ADMINISTRATION COSTS

18. Are the proposed Transmission OM&A spending levels appropriate?

19. Are the proposed Distribution OM&A spending levels appropriate?

20. Are the methodologies used to allocate Common Corporate OM&A Costs and Other OM&A costs to the Transmission and Distribution businesses appropriate?

21. Are the amounts proposed to be included in the revenue requirement for income taxes appropriate?

22. Is Hydro One's proposed depreciation expense appropriate?

1 **8.0 RATE BASE & COST OF CAPITAL**

2 23. Are the amounts proposed for the Transmission and Distribution rate bases and the
3 proposed capital structures for the Transmission and Distribution businesses reasonable?

4 24. Are the inputs used to determine the working capital component of the Transmission and
5 Distribution rate bases appropriate?

6 25. Is the forecast of long term debt for Transmission and Distribution appropriate?
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8 **9.0 LOAD FORECAST**

9 26. Are the load forecast methodologies and the resulting load forecasts appropriate for
10 each of Transmission and Distribution?
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12 **10.0 DEFERRAL/VARIANCE ACCOUNTS**

13 27. Are the proposed amounts for disposition, and the continuance or discontinuation of
14 Hydro One's existing deferral and variance accounts for each of Transmission and
15 Distribution appropriate?

16 28. Are the proposed new or modified Transmission and Distribution deferral and variance
17 accounts appropriate?
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19 **11.0 COST ALLOCATION FOR TRANSMISSION**

20 29. Is the proposed Transmission cost allocation appropriate?
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22 **12.0 COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN FOR DISTRIBUTION**

23 30. Is the proposed Distribution cost allocation appropriate?

24 31. Is the proposed Distribution rate design appropriate?

25 32. Are the proposed billing determinants appropriate?

26 33. Are the proposed revenue-to-cost ratios for all rate classes over the test period
27 appropriate?

28 34. Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates appropriate?

- 1 35. Is the rate harmonization proposal for the Acquired Utilities (Norfolk, Haldimand and
2 Woodstock) appropriate?

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4 **13.0 OTHER CHARGES AND REVENUES**

- 5 36. Are the proposed Export Transmission Service Rate of \$1.85/MWh? (Transmission)

- 6 37. Are Other Revenue forecasts for each of Transmission and Distribution appropriate
7 (including export revenue for Transmission)?

- 8 38. Are the proposed Specific Service Charges appropriate? (Distribution)

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Illustrative Hearing Schedules (No Blue Page Update)

Illustrative Hearing Schedule (No Blue Page Update) – Scenario 1

Settlement progress letter advises that full, or substantial but incomplete, settlement is achievable. Following the OEB extending the settlement conference end date, a full settlement is ultimately reached.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Hydro One files application	Thursday, August 5, 2021	-14
Letter acknowledging receipt of application	Monday, August 9, 2021	-10
Completeness Letter Issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
Notice of Application issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
Affidavits of Service received	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	26
Intervention request period closes	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	26
Procedural Order No. 1 issued	Friday, September 17, 2021	29
OEB staff files letter on plans to file expert evidence	Friday, September 24, 2021	36
Intervenors state intent to be involved with JRAP and / or ETS proceedings	Friday, September 24, 2021	36
Intervenors and OEB staff file submissions on need for blue page update, provision for reply on expert evidence, and confidentiality request	Tuesday, September 28, 2021	40
Hydro One and IESO indicate estimate of time to provide clarification on ETS	Thursday, September 30, 2021	42
Hydro One reply submission on need for blue page update, provision for reply on expert evidence, and confidentiality request	Tuesday, October 5, 2021	47
Intervenors file letter on plans to file expert evidence	Friday, October 8, 2021	50
Intervenors and OEB staff reply submissions on need for blue page update	Tuesday, October 12, 2021	54
OEB staff and intervenors file interrogatories	Tuesday, October 26, 2021	68
Hydro One files responses to interrogatories	Monday, November 29, 2021	102
OEB staff and intervenors to file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Monday, December 6, 2021	109
Technical Conference begins	Monday, December 13, 2021	116
Technical Conference ends	Friday, December 17, 2021	120
<i>Holiday Break (December 18, 2021 to January 3, 2022)</i>		
Technical Conference undertakings received	Wednesday, January 5, 2022	122
Draft Issues List Agreement Letter filed	Monday, January 10, 2022	127
OEB staff and intervenors file expert evidence	Wednesday, January 12, 2022	129
Issues List Hearing	Friday, January 14, 2022	131
Motions Hearing	Wednesday, January 19, 2022	136
Interrogatories on OEB staff and intervenor expert evidence issued	Monday, January 24, 2022	141
OEB staff and intervenor responses to expert evidence issued	Wednesday, February 2, 2022	150
Settlement Conference begins	Monday, February 7, 2022	155
Settlement Conference ends	Thursday, February 10, 2022	158
Settlement Progress Letter filed	Thursday, February 10, 2022	158
Settlement proposal filed (Full Settlement)	Thursday, March 10, 2022	186
<i>March Break (March 12 to March 20, 2022)</i>		
OEB staff submission on settlement proposal filed	Thursday, March 24, 2022	192
Presentation of settlement proposal	Thursday, April 7, 2022	206
Decision Issued	Thursday, May 12, 2022	241
Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, June 2, 2022	262

Intervenor and OEB staff comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, June 23, 2022	283
Hydro One's response to comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, July 14, 2022	304
Issue Final Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, August 4, 2022	325

Note:

Assumes seasonal rates matter will be addressed during the Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets process.

Illustrative Hearing Schedule (No Blue Page Update) – Scenario 2

Settlement progress letter advises that substantial but incomplete, settlement is achievable. Following the OEB extending the settlement conference end date, a substantial but incomplete settlement is ultimately reached.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Hydro One files application	Thursday, August 5, 2021	-14
Letter acknowledging receipt of application	Monday, August 9, 2021	-10
Completeness Letter Issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
Notice of Application issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
Affidavits of Service received	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	26
Intervention request period closes	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	26
Procedural Order No. 1 issued	Friday, September 17, 2021	29
OEB staff files letter on plans to file expert evidence	Friday, September 24, 2021	36
Intervenors state intent to be involved with JRAP and / or ETS proceedings	Friday, September 24, 2021	36
Intervenors file submissions on need for blue page update, provision for reply on expert evidence, and confidentiality request	Tuesday, September 28, 2021	40
Hydro One and IESO indicate estimate of time to provide clarification on ETS	Thursday, September 30, 2021	42
Hydro One reply submission on need for blue page update, provision for reply on expert evidence, and confidentiality request	Tuesday, October 5, 2021	47
Intervenors file letter on plans to file expert evidence	Friday, October 8, 2021	50
Intervenors and OEB staff reply submissions on need for blue page update	Tuesday, October 12, 2021	54
OEB staff and intervenors file interrogatories	Tuesday, October 26, 2021	68
Hydro One files responses to interrogatories	Monday, November 29, 2021	102
OEB staff and intervenors to file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Monday, December 6, 2021	109
Technical Conference begins	Monday, December 13, 2021	116
Technical Conference ends	Friday, December 17, 2021	120
<i>Holiday Break (December 18, 2021 to January 3, 2022)</i>		
Technical Conference undertakings received	Wednesday, January 5, 2022	122
Draft Issues List Agreement Letter filed	Monday, January 10, 2022	127
OEB staff and intervenors file expert evidence	Wednesday, January 12, 2022	129
Issues List Hearing	Friday, January 14, 2022	131
Motions Hearing	Wednesday, January 19, 2022	136
Interrogatories on OEB staff and intervenor expert evidence issued	Monday, January 24, 2022	141
OEB staff and intervenor responses to expert evidence issued	Wednesday, February 2, 2022	150
Settlement Conference begins	Monday, February 7, 2022	155
Settlement Conference ends	Thursday, February 10, 2022	158
Settlement Progress Letter filed	Thursday, February 10, 2022	158
Settlement proposal filed (Substantial but Incomplete Settlement)	Thursday, March 3, 2022	177
OEB staff submission on settlement proposal filed	Friday, March 11, 2022	187
<i>March Break (March 12 to March 20, 2022)</i>		
Oral Hearing on limited unsettled issues (including presentation of settlement) begins	Monday, March 28, 2022	195

Oral Hearing on limited unsettled issues (including presentation of settlement) ends	Friday, April 8, 2022	206
Hydro One's Argument-in-Chief filed	Friday, April 22, 2022	220
OEB staff submission filed	Friday, May 13, 2022	241
Intervenor submissions filed	Friday, May 20, 2022	248
Hydro One's written reply submission filed	Friday, June 10, 2022	269
Decision Issued	Thursday, August 4, 2022	324
Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, August 25, 2022	345
Intervenor and OEB staff comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, September 15, 2022	366
Hydro One's response to comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, October 6, 2022	387
Issue Final Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, October 27, 2022	408

Note:

Assumes seasonal rates matter will be addressed during the Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets process.

Illustrative Hearing Schedule (No Blue Page Update) – Scenario 3

Settlement progress letter advises that full, or substantial but incomplete, settlement is not likely achievable. The OEB does not extend the settlement conference past February 10, 2022. A limited partial settlement or no settlement agreement is filed.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
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Letter acknowledging receipt of application	Monday, August 9, 2021	-10
Completeness Letter Issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
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OEB staff and intervenor responses to expert evidence issued	Wednesday, February 2, 2022	150
Settlement Conference begins	Monday, February 7, 2022	155
Settlement Conference ends	Thursday, February 10, 2022	158
Settlement Progress Letter filed	Thursday, February 10, 2022	158
Settlement proposal filed (No Settlement)	Monday, February 14, 2022	162
Oral Hearing begins	Tuesday, February 22, 2022	170
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Oral Hearing ends	Friday, April 1, 2022	199
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OEB staff submission filed	Friday, May 6, 2022	234

Intervenor submissions filed	Friday, May 13, 2022	241
Hydro One's written reply submission filed	Friday, June 3, 2022	262
Decision Issued	Thursday, September 1, 2022	352
Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, September 22, 2022	373
Intervenor and OEB staff comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, October 13, 2022	394
Hydro One's response to comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, November 3, 2022	415
Issue Final Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, November 24, 2022	436

Note:

Assumes seasonal rates matter will be addressed during the Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets process.

Schedule E

Hydro One Networks Inc.

EB-2021-0110

Illustrative Hearing Schedules (Blue Page Update)

Illustrative Hearing Schedule (Blue Page Update) – Scenario 1

Settlement progress letter advises that full, or substantial but incomplete, settlement is achievable. Following the OEB extending the settlement conference end date, a full settlement is ultimately reached.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Hydro One files application	Thursday, August 5, 2021	-14
Letter acknowledging receipt of application	Monday, August 9, 2021	-10
Completeness Letter Issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
Notice of Application issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
Affidavits of Service received	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	26
Intervention request period closes	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	26
Procedural Order No. 1 issued	Friday, September 17, 2021	29
OEB staff files letter on plans to file expert evidence	Friday, September 24, 2021	36
Intervenors state intent to be involved with JRAP and / or ETS proceedings	Friday, September 24, 2021	36
Intervenors file submissions on need for blue page update, provision for reply on expert evidence, and confidentiality request	Tuesday, September 28, 2021	40
Hydro One and IESO indicate estimate of time to provide clarification on ETS	Thursday, September 30, 2021	42
Hydro One reply submission on need for blue page update, provision for reply on expert evidence, and confidentiality request	Tuesday, October 5, 2021	47
Intervenors file letter on plans to file expert evidence	Friday, October 8, 2021	50
Intervenors and OEB staff reply submissions on need for blue page update	Tuesday, October 12, 2021	54
OEB staff and intervenors file interrogatories	Tuesday, October 26, 2021	68
Hydro One files responses to interrogatories	Monday, November 29, 2021	102
OEB staff and intervenors to file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Monday, December 6, 2021	109
Technical Conference begins	Monday, December 13, 2021	116
Technical Conference ends	Friday, December 17, 2021	120
<i>Holiday Break (December 18, 2021 to January 3, 2022)</i>		
Technical Conference undertakings received	Wednesday, January 5, 2022	122
Draft Issues List Agreement Letter filed	Monday, January 10, 2022	127
OEB staff and intervenors file expert evidence	Wednesday, January 12, 2022	129
Issues List Hearing	Friday, January 14, 2022	131
Motions Hearing	Wednesday, January 19, 2022	136
Interrogatories on OEB staff and intervenor expert evidence issued	Monday, January 24, 2022	141
OEB staff and intervenor responses to expert evidence issued	Wednesday, February 2, 2022	150
<i>Application in Abeyance Awaiting Blue Page Update (February 3 to April 25, 2022)</i>		
Blue Page Update filed	Monday, April 18, 2022	-
Settlement Conference begins	Monday, May 9, 2022	165
Settlement Conference ends	Thursday, May 12, 2022	168
Settlement Progress Letter filed	Thursday, May 12, 2022	168
Settlement proposal filed (Full Settlement)	Thursday, June 9, 2022	196
OEB staff submission on settlement proposal filed	Thursday, June 23, 2022	210
Presentation of settlement proposal	Thursday, July 7, 2022	224
Decision Issued	Thursday, August 11, 2022	259

Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, September 1, 2022	280
Intervenor and OEB staff comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, September 22, 2022	301
Hydro One's response to comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, October 13, 2022	322
Issue Final Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, November 3, 2022	343

Note:

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Illustrative Hearing Schedule (Blue Page Update) – Scenario 2

Settlement progress letter advises that substantial but incomplete, settlement is achievable. Following the OEB extending the settlement conference end date, a substantial but incomplete settlement is ultimately reached.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Hydro One files application	Thursday, August 5, 2021	-14
Letter acknowledging receipt of application	Monday, August 9, 2021	-10
Completeness Letter Issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
Notice of Application issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
Affidavits of Service received	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	26
Intervention request period closes	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	26
Procedural Order No. 1 issued	Friday, September 17, 2021	29
OEB staff files letter on plans to file expert evidence	Friday, September 24, 2021	36
Intervenors state intent to be involved with JRAP and / or ETS proceedings	Friday, September 24, 2021	36
Intervenors file submissions on need for blue page update, provision for reply on expert evidence, and confidentiality request	Tuesday, September 28, 2021	40
Hydro One and IESO indicate estimate of time to provide clarification on ETS	Thursday, September 30, 2021	42
Hydro One reply submission on need for blue page update, provision for reply on expert evidence, and confidentiality request	Tuesday, October 5, 2021	47
Intervenors file letter on plans to file expert evidence	Friday, October 8, 2021	50
Intervenors and OEB staff reply submissions on need for blue page update	Tuesday, October 12, 2021	54
OEB staff and intervenors file interrogatories	Tuesday, October 26, 2021	68
Hydro One files responses to interrogatories	Monday, November 29, 2021	102
OEB staff and intervenors to file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Monday, December 6, 2021	109
Technical Conference begins	Monday, December 13, 2021	116
Technical Conference ends	Friday, December 17, 2021	120
<i>Holiday Break (December 18, 2021 to January 3, 2022)</i>		
Technical Conference undertakings received	Wednesday, January 5, 2022	122
Draft Issues List Agreement Letter filed	Monday, January 10, 2022	127
OEB staff and intervenors file expert evidence	Wednesday, January 12, 2022	129
Issues List Hearing	Friday, January 14, 2022	131
Motions Hearing	Wednesday, January 19, 2022	136
Interrogatories on OEB staff and intervenor expert evidence issued	Monday, January 24, 2022	141
OEB staff and intervenor responses to expert evidence issued	Wednesday, February 2, 2022	150
<i>Application in Abeyance Awaiting Blue Page Update (February 3 to April 25, 2022)</i>		
Blue Page Update filed	Monday, April 18, 2022	-
Settlement Conference begins	Monday, May 9, 2022	165
Settlement Conference ends	Thursday, May 12, 2022	168
Settlement Progress Letter filed	Thursday, May 12, 2022	168
Settlement proposal filed (Substantial but Incomplete Settlement)	Thursday, June 2, 2022	189
OEB staff submission on settlement proposal filed	Thursday, June 16, 2022	203
Oral Hearing begins	Monday, June 27, 2022	214

Oral Hearing ends	Friday, July 8, 2022	226
Hydro One's Argument-in-Chief filed	Friday, July 22, 2022	240
OEB staff submission filed	Friday, August 12, 2022	261
Intervenor submissions filed	Friday, August 19, 2022	268
Hydro One's written reply submission filed	Friday, September 9, 2022	289
Decision Issued	Thursday, November 3, 2022	344
Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, November 24, 2022	365
Intervenor and OEB staff comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, December 15, 2022	386
<i>Holiday Break (December 23, 2022 to January 9, 2023)</i>		
Hydro One's response to comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Monday, January 23, 2023	407
Issue Final Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, February 16, 2023	428

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Illustrative Hearing Schedule (Blue Page Update) – Scenario 3

Settlement progress letter advises that full, or substantial but incomplete, settlement is not likely achievable. The OEB does not extend the settlement conference past February 10, 2022. A limited partial settlement or no settlement agreement is filed.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Hydro One files application	Thursday, August 5, 2021	-14
Letter acknowledging receipt of application	Monday, August 9, 2021	-10
Completeness Letter Issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
Notice of Application issued	Thursday, August 19, 2021	0
Affidavits of Service received	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	26
Intervention request period closes	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	26
Procedural Order No. 1 issued	Friday, September 17, 2021	29
OEB staff files letter on plans to file expert evidence	Friday, September 24, 2021	36
Intervenors state intent to be involved with JRAP and / or ETS proceedings	Friday, September 24, 2021	36
Intervenors file submissions on need for blue page update, provision for reply on expert evidence, and confidentiality request	Tuesday, September 28, 2021	40
Hydro One and IESO indicate estimate of time to provide clarification on ETS	Thursday, September 30, 2021	42
Hydro One reply submission on need for blue page update, provision for reply on expert evidence, and confidentiality request	Tuesday, October 5, 2021	47
Intervenors file letter on plans to file expert evidence	Friday, October 8, 2021	50
Intervenors and OEB staff reply submissions on need for blue page update	Tuesday, October 12, 2021	54
OEB staff and intervenors file interrogatories	Tuesday, October 26, 2021	68
Hydro One files responses to interrogatories	Monday, November 29, 2021	102
OEB staff and intervenors to file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Monday, December 6, 2021	109
Technical Conference begins	Monday, December 13, 2021	116
Technical Conference ends	Friday, December 17, 2021	120
<i>Holiday Break (December 18, 2021 to January 3, 2022)</i>		
Technical Conference undertakings received	Wednesday, January 5, 2022	122
Draft Issues List Agreement Letter filed	Monday, January 10, 2022	127
OEB staff and intervenors file expert evidence	Wednesday, January 12, 2022	129
Issues List Hearing	Friday, January 14, 2022	131
Motions Hearing	Wednesday, January 19, 2022	136
Interrogatories on OEB staff and intervenor expert evidence issued	Monday, January 24, 2022	141
OEB staff and intervenor responses to expert evidence issued	Wednesday, February 2, 2022	150
<i>Application in Abeyance Awaiting Blue Page Update (February 3 to April 25, 2022)</i>		
Blue Page Update filed	Monday, April 18, 2022	-
Settlement Conference begins	Monday, May 9, 2022	165
Settlement Conference ends	Thursday, May 12, 2022	168
Settlement Progress Letter filed	Thursday, May 12, 2022	168
Settlement proposal filed (No Settlement)	Monday, May 16, 2022	172
Oral Hearing begins	Tuesday, May 24, 2022	179
Oral Hearing ends	Friday, June 24, 2022	211
Hydro One's Argument-in-Chief filed	Friday, July 8, 2022	225

OEB staff submission filed	Friday, July 29, 2022	246
Intervenor submissions filed	Friday, August 5, 2022	253
Hydro One's written reply submission filed	Friday, August 26, 2022	274
Decision Issued	Thursday, November 17, 2022	355
Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, December 8, 2022	378
<i>Holiday Break (December 23, 2022 to January 9, 2023)</i>		
Intervenor and OEB staff comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets received	Thursday, January 19, 2023	399
Hydro One's response to comments on Draft Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, February 9, 2023	421
Issue Final Rate Order and Tariff Sheets	Thursday, March 2, 2023	439

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