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Via E-Mail

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**RE: EB-2021-0110: Hydro One Networks Inc. 2023-2027 Joint Distribution &
Transmission Rates Application – Interrogatories from Individual Intervenor**

The Ontario Energy Board Notice dated August 17, 2021, addressed to all customers of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) stated that: “Seasonal rates are being considered in a separate proceeding (EB-2020-0246) but are expected to be implemented in this proceeding.”

In Exhibit L-01-02 (at pages 8 and 9), it further states that:

...in the October 2020 update to the Seasonal Report, (Hydro One) provided supporting arguments for an implementation date (for eliminating the Seasonal rate class) of January 1, 2023. Consistent with that recommendation, and in the absence of an OEB decision on when the change will take effect, the evidence in this Application assumes that the Seasonal class elimination will be implemented on January 1, 2023. In this Application’s load forecast, the Seasonal Class no longer exists and all “former” seasonal customers have been assigned to the corresponding year round residential classes as of January 1, 2023...

The following interrogatories, generally pertaining to the impacts of eliminating the Seasonal Class and being assigned to the corresponding Residential R1 or R2 Class, are respectfully submitted.

1-RG-1

Ref: Exhibit L-06-01-01

In Exhibit L-06-01-01, the spreadsheets provide information for various Hydro One consumer categories, including those in the Seasonal Class for both the “current” year and 2023.

- i. It’s presumed that the references in Exhibit L-06-01-01 to the “current year” are references to the year 2022. Can Hydro One confirm this, or provide an explanation as to what year is being referred to?
- ii. If the reference to “current” year is a reference to the year 2022 in (i.) above, can Hydro One provide spreadsheets for Seasonal Class consumers at each of the low

(40 kWh), average (369 kWh) and high (1040 kWh) levels showing what the monthly hydro charge is for these consumers in 2021?

- iii. If the reference to “current” year is a reference to the year 2022 in (i.) above, the spreadsheets that are provided by Hydro One indicate that the 78,677 Seasonal Class consumers (per Exhibit L-01-02 at page 5) destined for the R2 Residential Class would face the following according to Exhibit L-06-01-01:
 - a. at a low consumption of 40 kWh, the monthly hydro charge would increase from \$62.88 to \$119.13 based on two-tier RPP prices, or **an 89.5% increase**; while under TOU prices, these consumers would see **an 89.1% increase**;
 - b. at an average consumption of 369 kWh, the monthly hydro charge would increase from \$111.96 to \$161.61 based on two-tier RPP prices, or **a 44.3% increase**; while under TOU prices, these consumers would see **a 43.5% increase**; and
 - c. at a high consumption of 1040 kWh, the monthly hydro charge would increase from \$220.83 to \$257.03 based on two-tier RPP prices, or **a 16.4% increase**; while under TOU prices, these consumers would see **a 16.6% increase**.

Can Hydro One provide spreadsheets for each of the years 2024 to 2027 to show what monthly charge the “former” Seasonal Class consumers would face at each of the low (40kWh), average (369 kWh) and high (1040 kWh) levels when they are assigned to their corresponding R1 or R2 Residential Class?

- iv. Can Hydro One also provide charts for each of the years 2021 to 2027 showing the changes to the delivery charge component(s) that current Seasonal Class consumers would face, before any mitigation that the Ontario Energy Board may yet approve in EB-2020-0246, at each of the low (40kWh), average (369 kWh) and high (1040 kWh) consumption levels broken down between:
 - a. The component(s) in the transition towards all-fixed distribution rates that the Ontario Energy Board ordered on September 30, 2015, for the Seasonal Class customers, as well as all other residential customers, starting in 2016; and
 - b. The forthcoming impacts from the Elimination of the Seasonal Rate Class.

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Ref: Exhibits L-06-01-01 to L-06-01-05

Exhibits L-06-01-01 to L-06-01-05 provide spreadsheets for various consumers including those in the year-round Residential Class R1 and R2 categories from their current charge, presumably

in 2022, through the years 2023 to 2027 at low, typical, average and high rates of hydro consumption.

The consumption rates used in these spreadsheets however differ from low (40 kWh), average (369 kWh), and high (1040 kWh) hydro consumption rates used for the Seasonal Class consumer in Exhibit L-06-01-01 for the “current” year and 2023.

- i. Can Hydro One provide spreadsheets starting with 2021 through to 2027 for year-round Residential Class R1 (with DRP) and R2 (with DRP and RPP) customers at monthly consumption levels of 40 kWh (low), 369 kWh (average) and 1040 kWh (high) to ensure consistency and comparability of relevant data?
- ii. For each of the years 2024 to 2027, exhibits L-06-01-02 to L-06-01-05 there are noticeable gaps in the information that Hydro One has provided. There are no spreadsheets for either:
 - a. the Residential Class R1 customer (with DRP) at low (370 kWh), typical (750 kWh), average (784 kWh) or high (1650 kWh) hydro consumption levels; or
 - b. the Residential Class R2 customer (with DRP) at low (440 kWh), typical (750 kWh), average (978 kWh) or high (2110 kWh) hydro consumption levels.

Can Hydro One provide these spreadsheets, or alternatively provide an explanation as to why they were not included with this Application?

I want to extend my thanks to Hydro One staff for their consideration in this matter and anticipated responses to these interrogatories.

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