

May 2, 2022

## **VIA RESS**

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi,

Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI)

Application for electricity transmission and distribution rates and other charges

for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027

Board File No.: EB-2021-0110

We are counsel to the Distributed Resource Coalition (**DRC**) in in the above-noted proceeding. Please find attached the interrogatories of DRC on HONI's updated evidence, filed pursuant to Procedural Order No. 5.

Sincerely,

**DT Vollmer** 

c. Eryn MacKinnon, HONI
 Charles Keizer and Arlen Sternberg, Torys LLP
 Wilf Steimle, Electric Vehicle Society
 Cara Clairman, Plug'n Drive

Encl.

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act,* 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sched. B, as amended (the **Act**);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. ("**HONI**") for an order or orders made pursuant to section 78 of the Act, approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the transmission and distribution of electricity.

EB-2021-0110

**INTERROGATORIES** 

OF

DISTRIBUTED RESOURCE COALITION (DRC)

Question: O-DRC-1

Reference: • Exhibit O, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Section 1.3

• Exhibit O, Tab 1, Schedule 3, Section 1.0

Preamble: Hydro One has updated its transmission and distribution load forecasts

to reflect the IESO's new CDM forecasts, as reflected in the IESO's

2021 Annual Planning Outlook (2021 APO).

a) Please place a copy of the 2021 APO on the record in this proceeding (or, if it is already on the record, please identify where it can be found).

b) The 2021 APO electric vehicle (**EV**) forecast is in line with federal government zero-emission vehicle sales targets, which projects 6.6 million EVs in Ontario by 2042, with an annual charging demand of 24.4 TWh and a peak demand of 1,200 MW. Please comment on whether Hydro One's updated load forecast is consistent with this forecast and discuss the factors that inform this determination.

Question: JT-VECC-DRC-2

Reference: • Exhibit JT-VECC-TCQ-04, p. 3

Preamble: The load that was added to the forecast in the "Other" column

was adjusted downwards relative to the pre-filed evidence in view of a declining optimism regarding the future state of the economy (as compared to optimistic recovery in short run

assumed in the pre-filed evidence).

Two factors contributing to this change are discussed.

a) Please confirm that no adjustments were made to the "EV" column of the table appearing in part (f) of the undertaking response and discuss Hydro One's approach to determining that the types of impacts that apply to the "Other" column do not apply to the "EV" column.

b) The "Other" column is noted as including "impact of electrification and other considerations". Please discuss Hydro One's understanding of the effects of the broader state of the economy on electrification impacts reflected in the "Other" column and whether

these were subject to downward adjustment.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2022

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