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NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)
Application for exemptions from certain provisions in the Distribution
System Code and for an Accounting Order
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0145**

Application

On April 11, 2022, Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) seeking approval for exemptions from certain provisions in the Distribution System Code until December 31, 2027, for customers affected by the Seasonal Rate Class elimination:

- i. Section 2.6.1A, which requires a distributor to issue a bill to a residential customer on a monthly basis;
- ii. Section 2.10.2, which limits the number of estimated bills that a distributor may issue to a residential customer to twice every 12 months; and
- iii. Sections 7.11.1 and 7.11.7, which require a distributor to issue accurate bills to its customers 98% of the time on a yearly basis.

The exemptions sought in this application are for approximately 148,000 customers who will be transitioned from Hydro One's current Seasonal Rate Class to one of three Hydro One residential rate classes according to their respective density.

Hydro One is also asking for approval to establish a deferral account to record the costs associated with the implementation of the Seasonal Rate Class elimination.

The OEB is convening a hearing to consider Hydro One's application and has assigned File No. **EB-2022-0145** to this application. This Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order provides for procedural steps in the OEB's review of Hydro One's application.

To access Hydro One's application please select the file number **EB-2022-0145** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

Service of Notice and Procedural Order No. 1

Hydro One is directed:

1. To immediately serve this Notice and Procedural Order, the application and the evidence on all intervenors of record in EB-2020-0246 and EB-2021-0110.
2. To post a copy of this Notice and Procedural Order, the application and the evidence and any amendments thereto on Hydro One's website.
3. To complete service by **May 19, 2022**, and to file with the OEB an affidavit confirming service, immediately thereafter. If Hydro One is unable to complete the steps noted in paragraphs 1 and 2 by **May 19, 2022**, it must notify the Registrar immediately at Registrar@oeb.ca.

Request for intervenor status and cost eligibility

Any party that wishes to participate as an intervenor in this proceeding should apply for intervenor status by **May 30, 2022**. For information on how to apply for intervenor status, please refer to the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#), and the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Hydro One has applied for a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **May 30, 2022**.

This hearing will be held under section 74 and 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

Interrogatories and Submissions

The OEB is making provision for written interrogatories and submissions. Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

The OEB will issue a decision on interventions and cost eligibility in advance of the date for filing interrogatories.

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Hydro One shall serve this Notice and Procedural Order, the application and the evidence on intervenors of record in EB-2020-0246 and EB-2021-0110 by **May 19, 2022**.
2. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to all parties by **June 21, 2022**.
3. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all parties by **July 6, 2022**.
4. Any written submissions from OEB staff and intervenors, shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **July 21, 2022**.
5. Any written reply submissions from Hydro One shall be filed with the OEB and served on parties by **August 5, 2022**.

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-2022-0145** 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 [File documents online 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.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

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 Manager, Shuo Zhang at Shuo.Zhang@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Jamie Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

DATED at Toronto, **May 13, 2022**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi

Nancy Marconi
Registrar