



Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application to change electricity distribution rates in the
service areas previously served by Orillia Power
Distribution Corporation and Peterborough Distribution
Inc., effective January 1, 2023**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
September 15, 2022**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 3, 2022 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates in the service areas previously served by Orillia Power Distribution Corporation and Peterborough Distribution Inc., effective January 1, 2023. Hydro One has also applied to dispose of the balances in certain deferral and variance accounts.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on August 19, 2022. In the Notice of Hearing, the OEB noted that it does not intend to consider cost awards in this proceeding. Each of Power Worker Union (PWU) and Small Business Utility Alliance (SBUA) applied for intervenor status. SBUA also applied for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Hydro One.

Intervention and cost eligibility request of SBUA

In its letter of intervention, SBUA noted that it has members in each of the service areas who will be affected by the outcome of this hearing and that it intends to focus its participation on reviewing the appropriateness of the proposed Price Cap adjustments, bill impacts and rates. Although the OEB's Notice of Hearing stated that the OEB does not intend to consider cost awards for this hearing, SBUA requested cost eligibility and did not provide any reasons as to why the OEB should make an exception in this case. Given the mechanistic nature of IRM applications, it is the OEB's long-standing practice to limit cost awards for IRM hearings. The OEB expects the review of Hydro One's IRM application to be a mechanistic review and has determined that it will not provide cost awards for this hearing. SBUA's application for intervenor status is approved and its request for cost eligibility is denied.

PWU is approved as an intervenor.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

At this time the OEB is making provision for the filing of interrogatories, responses to interrogatories and submissions. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. 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 Hydro One and all other parties by **September 28, 2022**.
2. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **October 12, 2022**.
3. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **October 26, 2022**.
4. Hydro One may file a written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on intervenors by **November 7, 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-2022-0040** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Arturo Lau at Arturo.Lau@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at Ljuba.Djurdjevic@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **September 15, 2022**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi

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Registrar

SCHEDULE A
ISSUES LIST
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