

EB-2021-0110

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. 7

October 25, 2022

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 it charges for electricity transmission and distribution, beginning January 1, 2023 and for each following year through to December 31, 2027.

In accordance with Decision on Confidentiality Requests and Procedural Order No. 5, a settlement conference was convened on August 15, 2022. The OEB granted three extensions to the settlement conference after settlement progress letters requesting additional time, dated August 18, 22 and 23, 2022, were filed by OEB staff. With the three extensions, the settlement conference continued until August 24, 2022.

On September 2, 2022, OEB staff filed a further status update letter with the OEB which advised that the settlement process was ongoing and, as such, continued to be subject to the provisions of the OEB's *Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences* including those related to confidentiality. OEB staff further advised that there was no need to schedule further procedural steps at this time.

On October 24, 2022, Hydro One filed a settlement proposal with the OEB. The settlement proposal indicated that parties had reached agreement on all issues in the proceeding.

The OEB has determined that a presentation day for the settlement proposal will be scheduled for November 4, 2022. If the OEB determines upon completing its review of the settlement proposal that the presentation day is unnecessary, parties will be advised of this.

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 THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. A submission from OEB staff on the settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **November 1, 2022**.
- 2. The settlement proposal will be presented to the OEB on **November 4, 2022** starting at 9:30am. It is expected that the presentation day will be conducted virtually.

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 <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

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- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the <u>File documents online page</u> 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 <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

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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DATED at Toronto, October 25, 2022

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