

Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for an order to amend Hydro One Networks
Inc.'s electricity distribution licence**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
November 30, 2022**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed a service area amendment (SAA) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 18, 2022 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking an amendment to its electricity distribution licence (ED-2003-0043) to allow for the connection of one customer. The service connection to the customer's property is in Hydro Ottawa's service territory. The proposed SAA, if granted, will expand Hydro One's service area to include one industrial customer located at 626 Principale St., in the Municipality of Casselman (Customer).

On September 2, 2022, Hydro Ottawa submitted a "Contested Service Area Amendment Application" in response to Hydro One's Application. Hydro One filed a response to that submission on September 9, 2022, and Hydro Ottawa filed a further submission on September 23, 2022.

On September 26, 2022, the OEB issued an Interim Order, allowing Hydro One to provide electricity distribution service to the Customer's property on an interim basis, pending the OEB's disposition of the proceeding.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1 (Notice and PO 1) on October 7, 2022. The Notice and PO 1 directed parties to file interrogatories and responses to those interrogatories.

Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa filed interrogatories directed to each other on October 28, 2022, and OEB staff filed interrogatories directed to both Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa on November 1, 2022. Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa filed interrogatory responses on November 11, 2022.

On November 7, 2022, Hydro One filed supplemental evidence, which contained additional information about required upgrades to Hydro One's pole line that Hydro Ottawa would be required to pay for in order to connect the Customer to Hydro Ottawa's distribution system.

Hydro Ottawa then filed a letter with the OEB on November 10, 2022, requesting an opportunity to ask questions on Hydro One's supplemental evidence.

On November 25, 2022, Hydro One advised that upon reviewing Hydro Ottawa's interrogatory responses, it discovered that Hydro Ottawa was introducing new evidence. Hydro One requested an opportunity to ask questions on the new evidence, in which Hydro Ottawa asserted that it would be able to construct a separate pole line along the east side of Principale St. at a comparable price to the estimate provided by Hydro One.

The OEB will allow a limited amount of additional discovery. Specifically, OEB staff and parties (Hydro One, Hydro Ottawa and the Customer) may file interrogatories on Hydro One's supplementary evidence filed on November 7, 2022; and on Hydro Ottawa's new evidence on its alternative pole line, which was included in its interrogatory responses filed on November 10, 2022.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa shall request any information and documentation from each other on Hydro One's supplementary evidence and Hydro Ottawa's new evidence on its alternative pole line, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to all parties by **December 8, 2022**.
2. OEB staff and the Customer shall request any information and documentation on Hydro One's supplementary evidence and Hydro Ottawa's new evidence on its alternative pole line, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to all parties by **December 8, 2022**.
3. Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all parties by **December 16, 2022**.
4. Any written submissions from Hydro Ottawa, OEB staff and the Customer shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **January 12, 2022**.
5. Any written reply submission from Hydro One shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **January 19, 2022**

Please quote file number, **EB-2022-0234** 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 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.

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DATED at Toronto, November 30, 2022

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