



Ontario | Commission
Energy | de l'énergie
Board | de l'Ontario

BY EMAIL

December 8, 2022

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4
Registrar@oeb.ca

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Interrogatories
Hydro One Networks Inc.
Service Area Amendment Application
OEB File Number: EB-2022-0234**

Please find attached OEB staff's interrogatories on Hydro One's supplementary evidence and on Hydro Ottawa's new evidence on its alternative pole line in the above referenced proceeding, pursuant to Procedural Order No. 2.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Shuo Zhang
Distribution Policy & Compliance

cc: All parties in EB-2022-0234

**Hydro One Networks Inc.
EB-2022-0234**

Please note, Hydro One Networks Inc. is responsible for ensuring that all documents it files with the OEB, including responses to OEB staff questions and any other supporting documentation, 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*.

(Numbering follows from OEB Staff Interrogatory dated November 1, 2022)

OEB Staff-4

Ref. 1: [Hydro One Networks Inc. – Supplemental Evidence, November 7, 2022](#)

Ref. 2: [Hydro One Networks Inc. – Interrogatory Responses, November 11, 2022](#)

- a) Please confirm the supplemental evidence has no impacts on the Offer to Connect (OTC) provided to the Customer. If not, please provide a revised OTC.

Hydro One states (Ref. 1, p. 2 of 4) that “[s]hould a determination be made by the OEB that a second 8.32kV circuit needs to be accommodated on this pole line for Hydro Ottawa to serve 626 Principale Street, a new pole line will need to be redesigned, replaced, and potentially relocated, contingent on the requirements of the MTO.”

- b) Please confirm that the “new pole line” mentioned in this sentence would be constructed instead of and not in addition to the “Joint Use Project” identified on p. 1 of 4.

Hydro One states (Ref. 1, p. 2 of 4) that “...addressing [Hydro Ottawa’s request to upgrade Hydro One’s pole line] may increase the cost of the high-level estimate provided to Hydro Ottawa because of the redesign, replacement and potential relocation of the poles that will be necessitated by the addition of a second 8.32kV circuit on this pole line.”

- c) Please provide an estimate of the cost of the pole line alterations that would be allocated to Hydro Ottawa to accommodate the connection of 626 Principale Street customer.

Hydro One states (Ref. 1, p. 2.of 4) that "...the Customer has not yet been connected on a permanent basis. The new expected connection date is early December." Hydro One further states in response to OEB Staff-3 (b) (Ref. 2, Exhibit 1,Tab. 1, Schedule 3, p. 1 of 2) that "[a]ll preparatory work that Hydro One can undertake prior to connection has been executed."

- d) Please indicate the (estimated) percentage of the connection cost value of \$7,877.82 that Hydro One had expended as of November 30, 2022.

Hydro Ottawa Limited
EB-2022-0234

Please note, Hydro Ottawa Limited is responsible for ensuring that all documents it files with the OEB, including responses to OEB staff questions and any other supporting documentation, 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*.

(Numbering follows from OEB Staff Interrogatory dated November 1, 2022)

OEB Staff-6

Ref 1.: [Hydro One Networks Inc. – Supplemental Evidence, November 7, 2022](#)

Ref 2.: [Hydro Ottawa Interrogatory Responses, November 11, 2022](#)

In its cover letter to Ref. 2, Hydro Ottawa states that it “has not been able to properly assess the supplemental evidence or consider how it would impact its interrogatory responses.”

In Ref. 2, HONI-3, part g), Hydro Ottawa states that it “would also be able to construct a separate pole line along the east side of Principale Street. While this would not be the preferable option, it could be done for a comparable price to the estimate provided by Hydro One, should Hydro One not be able to accommodate Hydro Ottawa’s system expansion on their pole line.”

In Ref. 1, Hydro One states that the high-level cost estimate provided to Hydro Ottawa may increase “because of the redesign, replacement and potential relocation of the poles that will be necessitated by the addition of a second 8.32kV circuit on this pole line.”

- a) Please confirm whether Hydro One’s supplemental evidence has any impact on Hydro Ottawa’s interrogatory responses. If so, please explain the impacts and provide a revised version of any affected Hydro Ottawa responses accordingly.
- b) Given Hydro One’s supplemental evidence, please clarify whether “constructing a separate pole line along the east side of Principale Street” is Hydro Ottawa’s proposed option now to connect the Customer.
- c) If question b) was answered in the affirmative, please provide:

- i. A description of the proposed plan, including a detailed list of infrastructure and related activities necessary to construct the connection.
- ii. The estimated cost of this option, the expected customer connection date and if not the same, the expected date of completing all connection-related work.
- iii. A revised Offer to Connect based on this option.