



**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. 8  
December 22, 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 Procedural Order No. 1, issued September 17, 2021, and letters accepting late intervention requests<sup>1</sup>, the OEB determined that the following intervenors are eligible to apply for an award of costs in this proceeding under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (Practice Direction):

- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumer Council of Canada (CCC)
- Distributed Resource Coalition (DRC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (EP)
- Environmental Defence (ED)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Michipicoten First Nation (MFN)
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- Pollution Probe (PP)
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

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<sup>1</sup> By letters dated September 24, 2021, October 4, 2021, and October 25, 2021, Environmental Defence, Michipicoten First Nation, and Ontario Sustainable Energy Association, respectively, were accepted as late intervenors and granted cost eligibility.

In Procedural Order No. 6, issued on June 2, 2022, the OEB allowed for interim cost claims and stated:

“The OEB will conduct a complete review of all cost claims at the conclusion of the proceeding pursuant to the Practice Direction. An intervenor claiming costs will be required to submit a cost claim for the entire proceeding, with any amount received as an interim award applied as a credit against the total claimed. Hydro One will have an opportunity to file objections at that time, and intervenors whose claims were subject to objections will have an opportunity to reply. The OEB will then determine an intervenor’s entitlement to a cost award, including any amount received as an interim award, and interim awards of costs may be subject to adjustment at that time.” [emphasis added]

On November 29, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision on Settlement Proposal and Order on Rates, Revenue Requirement and Charge Determinants, which among other matters established a December 20, 2022 deadline for the filing of final cost claims by cost-eligible intervenors.

As of the date of this procedural order, the OEB has received cost claims from Anwaatin, CME, CCC, DRC, EP, ED, LPMA, MFN, OSEA, PP, QMA, SEC and VECC.<sup>2</sup>

The OEB notes that many of the cost claims received do not adhere to the instructions outlined in Procedural Order No. 6. Specifically, several of the cost claims did not include a cost claim for the entire proceeding with any amount received as an interim award applied as a credit against the total claimed. Rather, those claims covered only the cost incurred after the interim cost claims were awarded. It is important that each cost claim include the entirety of the claim. This will be Hydro One’s first opportunity to respond to the claims, and the OEB will also be considering the entire amount claimed by each intervenor when determining the final cost awards. The OEB is providing intervenors who did not file their cost claims in accordance with Procedural Order No. 6 an opportunity to correct their filings.

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

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<sup>2</sup> On December 21, 2022, AMPCO requested an extension for the filing of its cost claim.

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Intervenor shall submit (or, if applicable, resubmit in accordance with the instructions under Procedural Order No. 6) their final cost claims for the entire proceeding no later than **January 5, 2023**.
2. Hydro One shall file with the OEB and forward to intervenors any objections to the claimed costs no later than **January 17, 2023**.
3. Intervenor shall file with the OEB and forward to Hydro One any reply to any objections to the cost claims no later than **January 31, 2023**.
4. All procedural dates for cost awards matters established in the Decision on Settlement Proposal and Order on Rates, Revenue Requirement and Charge Determinants, issued November 29, 2022, are replaced with the dates outlined above.

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 [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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- 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, Martin Davies, at [Martin.Davies@oeb.ca](mailto:Martin.Davies@oeb.ca) and OEB staff counsel, James Sidlofsky, at [James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca](mailto:James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **December 22, 2022**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar