
Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2022-0318

Intervenor Name:

Electricity Distributors Association (EDA)

Mandate and Objectives:

EDA leverages the unique depth of distribution-related expertise providing members with up-to-date expert analysis of relevant legislation, market rules, with a particular focus on regulation. Advocacy and representation in the legislative and regulatory environment and the electricity market in Ontario, and communication with industry.

LDCs are directly impacted by the IESO's application outcome. LDC's are responsible to collect the rates that are approved from this application and execute the customer-facing programs which are approved. EDA's objective as an intervenor is to represent the interests of those entities who will be impacted, break down energy silos from a planning aspect, and promote/discover cost-efficiencies.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency

Represented:

The EDA is the voice of Ontario's local distribution companies (LDCs) and represents the interests of 48 publicly and privately owned LDCs in Ontario. The distribution sector delivers electricity to approximately 5 million residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers throughout the province. the part of the electricity system that is closest to customers. The EDA represents local hydro utilities, the part of our electricity system that is closest to customers. Local hydro utilities are on the front lines of power, and we know that the most important conversations about energy happen around the kitchen table, not the boardroom table. Our customers understand the power of local hydro, and they value the relationship of trust they have built with their local hydro utilities, relying on us to deliver safer, more reliable, and more affordable electricity.

The EDA draws together a broad community of LDCs, associations, LDC affiliate companies and commercial enterprises that do business with utilities, providing opportunities for information sharing and collaboration across the sector. The EDA's dynamic team collaborates with industry and subject-matter experts to support member business success through advocacy, policy analysis and a broad range of opportunities for learning and networking.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

EDA leverages the unique depth of distribution-related expertise providing members with up-to-date expert analysis of relevant legislation, market rules, with a particular focus on regulation. Advocacy and representation in the legislative and regulatory environment and the electricity market in Ontario, and communication with industry.

Governance Structure:

EDA is a member-based association and is governed by elected directors who set the strategic direction for the association and a skilled, experienced leadership team that oversees EDA operations. EDA as an intervenor in this process will assess the application for material interest in the scope of the proceeding, the direct interests of the distributors, direct interests of consumers, and the impacts with relation to services and operations proposed.

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Frequent Intervenor Form:

OEB Proceedings:

Granted Intervenor Status: EB-2021-0292 (TPA), EB-2022-0137 (SMC)

Issues:

LDCs are impacted by the IESO's application outcome as they collect the rates that are applied for within the process and execute the customer-facing programs which are approved. The IESO has submitted for review and approval of proposed revenue requirement changes, interim usage fees, and settlement of its FVDA which do have direct downstream impacts of LDCs. EDA's objective as an intervenor is to represent the interests of those entities who will be impacted, break down energy silos from a planning aspect, and discover cost-efficiencies.

In application EB-2022-0318 Exhibit A, Tab1 Schedule 2 the IESO has submitted for review of the following which is extremely relevant to membership:

g. Approval to rely on and use the information provided to the IESO by LDCs on the amount of embedded generation in their service territory under OReg 429/04 in calculating the total usage fee to be billed to each LDC each billing period. The decision by which this is approved could have material impact on LDCs financially and well as from a planning and monitoring aspect.

Policy Interests:

EDA's interests at to advocate for LDCs which are the customer facing entities of the provinces electricity network. EDA is also in the same capacity interested in cost-efficiencies and the benefits to Ontario's rate payers. This is applicable to all considerations within the IESO's application for rates.

Hearings:

EDA understands that the OEB may hold written, oral and electronic hearings. We believe at this time and unless determined otherwise that the issues in this case can be resolved by settlement. If a hearing is required, it should be in written form.

Evidence:

EDA does not intend to file evidence in the proceeding.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

EDA will coordinate with other intervenors where beneficial and efficient to do so. EDA represents the interest of Electricity Distributors and we also represent the interest of our electricity ratepayers, so to avoid duplication the EDA will make best efforts to select specific issues and coordinate issues with other intervenors with similar interests.

Cost Awards:

The EDA will not seek an award for costs.

Language Preference:

The EDA does not intend to participate in the hearing using the French Language.