



**Hydro One Networks Inc.**

**Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation**

**Application for approval for Hydro One to acquire  
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**

**February 9, 2024**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (CPUC) (the Applicants) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 20, 2023, under sections 74, 77, 78, and 86 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for approval for Hydro One to acquire CPUC and continue operations as Hydro One.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on January 16, 2024. Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility on February 6, 2024.

No objection was received from the Applicants.

VECC is approved as an intervenor. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

**Interrogatories**

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories. Parties should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be relevant and material to the OEB's review of a consolidation application. In developing interrogatories, parties should refer to the OEB's [Handbook to Electricity Distributor and Transmitter Consolidations](#), for what the OEB considers in its review. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

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. OEB staff and VECC shall request any relevant information and material from the Applicants that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **February 20, 2024**.
2. The Applicants shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on VECC by, **March 4, 2024**.
3. Any written submissions from OEB staff and VECC shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **March 14, 2024**.
4. Any written reply submissions by the Applicants shall be filed with the OEB and served on VECC by **March 28, 2024**.

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-2023-0328** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca) for assistance.

- 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 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, Amber Goher at [Amber.Goher@oeb.ca](mailto:Amber.Goher@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Charlotte Kanya-Forstner at [Charlotte.Kanyaforstner@oeb.ca](mailto:Charlotte.Kanyaforstner@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **February 9, 2024**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar

**Schedule A**

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**Applicant and List of Intervenors**

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