

BY EMAIL

September 12, 2025

Ritche Murry
Acting Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

EB-2025-0248 Regional and Bulk Electricity System Planning Review – Request to Participate in Advisory Group

Hydro One Networks Inc. is Ontario's largest electricity transmission and distribution provider with 1.5 million customers. Our team of 10,100 skilled and dedicated employees proudly build and maintain a safe and reliable electricity system. As Ontario's largest transmitter and distributor, Hydro One is interested in all regional and bulk planning issues in scope including bulk system formalization, planning timelines, load growth alignment and integrating distributed energy resources.

Hydro One is identified as the lead transmitter in 20 of 21 planning regions in Ontario, with our primary roles are to conduct a Needs Assessment and to develop a Regional Infrastructure Plan to examine supply and reliability issues at a regional level to address local needs.

Hydro One is pleased to bring this diverse experience in both Transmission and Distribution to the OEB's regional and bulk planning process review. Please see Hydro One Network Inc's proposes participants for the Regional and Bulk Planning Advisory Group Ontario below.

Organization Name: Hydro One Networks Inc.

- Ajay Garg, Sr. Manager, Transmission System Planning and Major Projects Phone: 647-242-2105 and ajay.garg@hydroone.com
- Lei Zhu, Manager, Distribution Investment Planning Phone: 437-972-2969 and lei.zhu@hydroone.com

Ajay Garg is currently a Senior Manager within Transmission System Planning at Hydro One. Mr. Garg has over 30 years of diverse experience in the electric power system planning, design and operation. He has represented Hydro One on the Regional Planning Process Advisory Group since its inception and was instrumental in developing processes, education to relevant stakeholders and its implementation at Hydro One across the province. In addition, Mr Garg has also represented Hydro One on other Ontario Energy Board working groups. In his current and/or previous positions, Mr. Garg had been extensively involved with the development of technical and reliability standards at the national and international level, including the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC).

Lei Zhu is Manager of Distribution Investment Planning. In his role he has participate in the regional planning to understand the evolving distribution system needs of Hydro One's 1.5 million distribution customers. As Hydro One's distribution system spans across the province and has assets in 19 of the 21 planning regions it is vital Hydro One Distribution is represented in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Melanie Bhandari", with a small red mark above the end of the signature.

Melanie Bhandari
Manager, Regulatory Strategy
Hydro One Networks Inc.