**EB-2025-0030**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) for an Order or Orders made pursuant to section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity, in the service areas served by Hydro One Distribution, and in the service areas formerly served by Orillia Power Distribution Corporation, Peterborough Distribution Inc. and Chapleau Public Utilities Commission, to be effective January 1, 2026.

**INTERROGATORIES**

**ON BEHALF OF THE**

**SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION**

**5-SEC-1**

[Ex. A-05-01, Table 1] Please provide further details on the adjustment made to rate base related to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) 2.0 project and Distribution externally driven work.

**6-SEC-2**

[Ex. A-06-01, Tables 1 and 10]

1. Please break out Tables 1 and 10 into each of the three rate zones; Hydro One, Peterborough and Orillia.
2. For each rate zone, how many of the broken cross arms are associated with broken poles?
3. Under what program does Hydro One normally repair broken cross arms?
4. Under what program does Hydro One normally clean up transformer spills or is it an Operating, Maintenance and Administration expense?

**6-SEC-3**

[Ex. A-06-01, p.19] What is Hydro One’s forecasted ROE for 2025?

**6-SEC-4**

[Ex. A-06-01, Table 8]

1. Please extend Table 8 to include 2025. Please provide the actual year to date and a year-end forecast.
2. Please provide similar tables for Peterborough and Orillia, as Table 8, including the added 2025 in part a.

**6-SEC-5**

[Ex. A-06-01, Tables 9, 11 & 12]

1. What is Hydro One’s updated year end forecast for D-SR-05 including the Z factor event for Hydro One Distribution?
2. Please confirm that the forecasted capital spend for program D-SR-05 for Orillia in 2023, 2024 and 2025 is $0.7M in each year. (Ref: HONI\_OPDC\_PDI\_DSP Section 5-01 Appendix 2-AA and 2-AB\_20221130) If not correct, please update.
3. Please confirm that the forecasted capital spend for program D-SR-05 for Peterborough in 2023, 2024 and 2025 is $0.33M in 2023 and $0.34M in each of 2024 and 2025. (Ref: HONI\_OPDC\_PDI\_DSP Section 5-01 Appendix 2-AA and 2-AB\_20221130) If not correct, please update.
4. Please provide the same information provided in Table 9 for Hydro One Distribution, for Orillia and for Peterborough.
5. With respect to Table 11, what is Hydro One’s updated year-end forecast for 2025 for Asset Removal Costs including the Z factor event?
6. Are the forecast costs shown for 2025 in Table 12 for year-end or year-to-date? If year-to-date, please provide a year-end forecast.

**6-SEC-6**

[Ex. A-06-01, Table 13] Please provide further details on what is included in Asset Removal Costs.

**6-SEC-7**

[Ex. A-06-01] Please see the attached spreadsheet prepared by SEC.

1. Please confirm that the figures are correct. If not correct, please update.
2. Please fill in the missing data.
3. Please confirm that cross arms and transformers are replaced under Program D-SR-08 as per EB-2018-0270/0242 DSP, Section 5.5 ISD D-SR-08, p.1.
4. For each rate zone, please provide the condition assessment for each asset that was replaced due to the Z factor storm. If this is not possible, please provide the asset condition distribution of each asset type, e.g. for total number of poles in the system how many are very poor, poor, good, etc.

**6-SEC-8**

[Ex. A-06-01]

1. Are there any other capital programs, besides D-SR-05, 07, 08 and 10, under which poles, line transformers and/or overhead distribution conductors could be replaced?
2. If so, please provide the forecasted dollars and number of assets to be replaced for 2025 for each program for Hydro One, Orillia and Peterborough.

**6-SEC-9**

[Ex. A-06-01, Tables 17, 18 & 19]

1. Please provide the calculation for working capital shown in each Table.
2. Does Hydro One plan to update any of the variable factors such as short-term debt in the Tables for future years?

Respectfully, submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition on October 20, 2025.

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