



EB-2016-0276

**Hydro One Inc.
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation
Hydro One Networks Inc.**

**Application for approval to purchase Orillia Power
Distribution Corporation**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
December 14, 2016**

Hydro One Inc. (Hydro One), filed an application on October 11, 2016, under section 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (Act), requesting approval to purchase all of the shares of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (Orillia Power). As part of the share purchase, Orillia Power and Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) requested the OEB's approval for related transactions/proposals:

- Inclusion of a rate rider in Orillia Power's 2016 OEB approved rate schedule, under section 78 of the Act, to give effect to a 1% reduction in the 2016 base electricity delivery rates for residential and general service classes until 2022
- Transfer of Orillia Power's rate order to HONI, under section 18 of the Act
- Transfer of Orillia Power's distribution system to HONI, under section 86(1)(a) of the Act
- Cancellation of Orillia Power's electricity distribution licence, under section 77(5) of the Act, after the transfer of the distribution system to HONI is completed
- Amendment of HONI's electricity distribution licence, under section 74 of the Act, at the same time as Orillia Power's licence is cancelled, authorizing HONI to serve Orillia Power's customers

A Notice of Hearing was issued on November 7, 2016. Procedural Order No. 1 was issued on December 12, 2016.

On December 13, 2016, Hydro One filed a letter requesting an extension of time to file interrogatory responses stating that it does not expect to be able to respond to interrogatories by January 4, 2017. Hydro One also stated that it does not object to an extension of time for the filing of interrogatories.

The OEB finds the extension requested by Hydro One to be reasonable. In addition to granting the requested extension, the OEB will provide for an extension of time for the filing of interrogatories and the filing of evidence by Mr. Makuch. The dates for the steps provided in Procedural Order No. 1 will therefore be amended. All other aspects of Procedural Order No. 1 are unchanged.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Mr. Makuch shall file with the OEB any evidence relevant to the existence of the Orillia Water Light and Power Commission, including evidence relevant to the validity of By-Law 2000-146 of the City of Orillia dated October 16, 2000 and shall serve such evidence on all parties by **December 22, 2016**.
2. OEB staff, intervenors and Mr. Makuch, on behalf of the purported Orillia Water Light and Power Commission, shall request any relevant information and documentation 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 **January 6, 2017**.
3. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors and OEB staff by **January 20, 2017**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2016-0276, be made in searchable/ unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have

internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 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, Judith Fernandes at judith.fernandes@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Maureen Helt at maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, December 14, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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