



**Hydro One Networks Inc.**

**Application for Renewable Generation Connection Rate  
Protection Compensation Amounts**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1  
November 17, 2023**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application for renewable generation connection rate protection (RGCRP) compensation amounts with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 3, 2023, under sections 78 and 79.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for collection of renewable generation connection investments and rate protection amounts, amendment of compensation amounts, and corrections to cost allocations.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on October 27, 2023. The Power Workers' Union (PWU) applied for intervenor status. The PWU did not apply for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Hydro One.

In its intervention form, the PWU identifies that it "is directly affected by the proceeding in that the payments at issue in the application bear on the financial affairs of the utility and the utility's investment plans and deferral of work, all of which directly bears on workforce issues such as new hiring and retirement. Additionally, the PWU is impacted by policies and programs involving renewable energy. PWU advocates for policies that promote reliable systems through long-term and bulk investment in infrastructure."

The scope of the current proceeding is related to RGCRP funding for Hydro One's previously approved renewable generation connection investments. The application does not request any funding that would impact PWU members in the ways identified in the PWU's intervention form. The current proceeding will consider Hydro One's request to update and resume collecting RGCRP monthly compensation amounts, collect one-time payments to clear debit balances in Account 1533 related to renewable generation connection investments made prior to January 1, 2024, as well as correcting its historic cost allocations between different customers for Hydro One Distribution.

Rule 22.02 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) provides that the party applying for status must satisfy the OEB that it has a "substantial interest" in the proceeding. Given the issues of concern stated by the PWU and the scope of the

current proceeding, the OEB finds that the PWU has not demonstrated that it has a substantial interest in this proceeding and therefore, its intervention request is denied.

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 shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Hydro One and all other parties by **December 6, 2023**.
2. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories by **January 18, 2024**.
3. Any written submissions by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **February 7, 2024**.
4. Hydro One may file a written reply submission with the OEB by **February 22, 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-2023-0291** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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- 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, Narisa Jotiban at [narisa.jotiban@oeb.ca](mailto:narisa.jotiban@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, November 17, 2023

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar