



**Entegrus Powerlines Inc.
Application for a Service Area Amendment**

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
March 17, 2023**

Entegrus Powerlines Inc. (Entegrus Powerlines) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, to amend its licensed service area, as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0563, to include the property and industrial customer (the Customer) located at 1 Cosma Court, St. Thomas, ON, N5R 4J5. The Customer is currently served by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One).

The Customer is located in the City of St. Thomas, which is primarily served by Entegrus Powerlines. Although the Customer's location falls within the municipal boundaries of the City of St. Thomas, the location is excluded from Entegrus Powerlines' distribution licence, and is thereby outside of Entegrus Powerlines' service area. The Customer falls within Hydro One's service area, under the terms of a 1997 letter between Hydro One and St. Thomas Energy (Entegrus Powerlines' predecessor).

Entegrus Powerlines requested that the OEB confirm that it may discuss the application with the Customer since Hydro One declined to provide its consent.

The OEB has determined that it is appropriate for Entegrus Powerlines to discuss the application with the Customer. The OEB has provided for service of the application on the Customer by Entegrus Powerlines.

The OEB will Hold a Public Hearing

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Entegrus Powerlines' application. At the end of the hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

Intervenor Status and Cost Eligibility

In the application, Entegrus Powerlines notes that it has sought Hydro One's consent to the service area amendment, and that Hydro One has declined to grant its consent and has indicated that it will contest the application. On that basis, the OEB has determined that it will grant Hydro One intervenor status. The OEB currently considers Entegrus Powerlines and Hydro One as parties in this proceeding and the list of parties is included as Schedule

A to this Procedural Order. The OEB will update Schedule A if additional parties are granted intervenor status.

The OEB is prepared to grant the Customer intervenor status. If the customer wishes to participate as an intervenor and intends to apply for cost award eligibility, it must inform the OEB by emailing registrar@oeb.ca by **April 3, 2023**.

Any party (other than Hydro One and the Customer) that wishes to participate as an intervenor must apply by April 3, 2023, or the hearing will go ahead without you and you may not receive further notification. **The OEB intends to consider cost awards in this proceeding in accordance with the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).** For information on how to apply for intervenor status and cost award eligibility, please refer to the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) and the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

The OEB will issue a decision on interventions and cost eligibility in advance of the date for filing interrogatories.

How to See the Application

To access the application please select the file number **EB-2022-0178** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

Format of the Hearing

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, written and electronic. The OEB intends to proceed by way of a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing or an electronic hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **April 3, 2023**.

Hydro One's Evidence

The OEB is providing Hydro One with an opportunity to file evidence in this proceeding, if it wishes to do so. If Hydro One wishes to file evidence, it must file the evidence with the OEB and deliver it to Entegrus Powerlines and all intervenors by **April 17, 2023**.

Confidentiality

By letter dated October 17, 2022, Entegrus Powerlines requested confidential treatment of certain information contained in seven sections of its application, which pertain to customer load profile and energy use details, and supply planning. Entegrus Powerlines requested confidentiality on the basis that the information is presumptively confidential.

In accordance with the OEB's [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#) (Practice Direction), Entegrus Powerlines filed redacted copies of the documents. Copies of the un-redacted documents were filed separately in confidence.

Parties that wish to object to the confidentiality request should refer to section 4 of the Practice Direction and follow the timelines and process in sections 5.1.6 and 5.1.8 and sections 5.1.9 to 5.1.15 of the Practice Direction.

Interrogatories

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.

Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Any person that wishes to participate as an intervenor in this proceeding should apply for intervenor status by **April 3, 2023**. For information on applying for intervenor status, please refer to the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.
2. If Hydro One wishes to file evidence, Hydro One shall file evidence with the OEB and deliver it to Entegrus Powerlines and all intervenors by **April 17, 2023**.
3. Entegrus Powerlines and Hydro One shall request any relevant information and documentation from each other that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to all parties by **April 28, 2023**.
4. OEB staff and any intervenor other than Hydro One (including the Customer should it request intervenor status) shall request any relevant information and documentation from Entegrus Powerlines and Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **May 2, 2023**.
5. Entegrus Powerlines and Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on each other, OEB staff and all intervenors by **May 18, 2023**.

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-2022-0178** 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 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 at the address below 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, Hussein Yusufali at Hussein.Yusufali@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

DATED at Toronto, **March 17, 2023**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

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SCHEDULE A

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APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

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