



EB-2017-0182
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EB-2017-0364

**Upper Canada Transmission Inc. (on behalf of
NextBridge Infrastructure)
Application for leave to construct an electricity
transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario**

- and -

**Hydro One Networks Inc.
Application to upgrade existing transmission station facilities
in the Districts of Thunder Bay and Algoma, Ontario**

-and-

**Hydro One Networks Inc.
Application for leave to construct an electricity transmission line
between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3 on COMBINED HEARING
NextBridge's Development Costs
August 31, 2018**

Upper Canada Transmission Inc. (NextBridge) and Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed applications with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 31, 2017 under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act).

NextBridge's application seeks an order granting leave to construct a new electricity transmission line between Wawa and Thunder Bay (NextBridge-EWT Application).¹ Hydro One's application seeks an order granting leave to construct the facilities necessary to upgrade existing transmission stations associated with the NextBridge project (Hydro One-Station Upgrades Application).²

¹ The NextBridge-EWT Application has been assigned OEB File No. EB-2017-0182.

² The Hydro One-Station Upgrades Application has been assigned OEB File No. EB-2017-0194.

The OEB combined the NextBridge-EWT and Hydro One-Station Upgrades Applications with a third application that was filed by Hydro One in February 2018 (the Hydro One-LSL Application) on August 13, 2018.³

This Procedural Order relates only to the OEB's review of NextBridge's development costs for the NextBridge-EWT Application. A combined hearing on all matters, except NextBridge's development costs, will take place in October 2018.⁴

Review of Development Costs

On July 5, 2018, the OEB held an oral hearing to review the prudence of NextBridge's development costs. During that hearing, NextBridge provided undertakings to answer specific questions related to its development costs. NextBridge filed its responses to these questions (Development Cost Undertaking Responses) on July 23, 2018.

On July 27, 2018, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 6, which provided for a process for OEB staff and intervenors to ask written interrogatories arising from the Development Cost Undertaking Responses. NextBridge filed answers to the written interrogatories of OEB staff and intervenors on August 24, 2018.

Through this Procedural Order, the OEB is setting the schedule for parties to file written arguments on NextBridge's development costs.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. NextBridge shall file a written argument-in-chief pertaining to its development costs and serve it on all parties by **September 10, 2018**.
2. OEB staff and intervenors shall file their written submissions pertaining to NextBridge's development costs and serve them on all parties by **September 19, 2018**.
3. NextBridge shall file its reply submission pertaining to its development costs and serve it on all parties by **September 26, 2018**.

³ The Hydro One-LSL Application has been assigned OEB File No. EB-2017-0364.

⁴ See Procedural Order No. 1 on Combined Hearing (August 13, 2018) and Procedural Order No. 2 on Combined Hearing (August 27, 2018) for the schedule of steps in the combined hearing.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file numbers **EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194/EB-2017-0364**, be made in searchable /unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://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.oeb.ca/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, Zora Crnojacki at Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca.

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