

Appendix A6: Notification Letter to Environmental Interest Groups

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**RE: Woodstock Area Transmission Reinforcement
Class Environmental Assessment**

Dear «First_Name» «Last_Name»:

This letter is to inform you that Hydro One has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed transmission facilities required to provide additional supply for the City of Woodstock. The Class EA is being carried out in accordance with the process described in *Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities*.

The proposed undertaking involves two options. Option 1 is an upgrade of an existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line with 230 kV supply between Ingersoll and Woodstock following existing right-of-way plus a new transformer station (TS) located near the west end of Woodstock. Option 2 is a new 230 kV transmission line tapped from an existing 230 kV line located south of Woodstock on new right-of-way in addition to a new TS located in the east end of Woodstock. The study area includes areas of City of Woodstock, Town of Ingersoll, Townships of Norwich, Zorra and South-West Oxford in the County of Oxford. A map of the proposed undertaking is attached to this letter.

Hydro One retained SENES Consultants Ltd. to provide assistance in the Class EA study, and SENES may be in touch with you to gather relevant information for this project. SENES is currently in the process of evaluating the two options by compiling and reviewing data and documentation such as the Municipal and County Official Plans (2006), the Oxford County Natural Heritage Study (2006) and constraint maps available with various agencies such as Ministry of Natural Resources and the Conservation Authorities. We would like to become aware of any additional information or data that you may want to bring to our attention and any particulars unique to the study area.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA approval process for the line upgrade and new station(s), and the Ontario Energy Board's Leave-to-Construct approval process (under Section 92 of the OEB Act) for the line upgrade, the transmission facilities may be placed in service as early as Spring 2009. All activities will follow Hydro One's Environmental Guidelines for Construction and Maintenance of Transmission Facilities.

We plan to hold a Public Information Centre in spring 2007 to announce the preferred option, and seek further comments and input. If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at (416) 345-6597, or Yu San Ong at (416) 345-5031.

Information and updates regarding this project is also available on our website at www.HydroOneNetworks.com/newprojects

Sincerely,

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Woodstock Field Naturalists' Club (R. Boyd, President)
Oxford County Federation of Agriculture (John Gal, President)
Oxford County Federation of Agriculture (Jane Nussey, Secretary-Coordinator)
Canadian Auto Workers, Local 636 Environment Committee (Doug Steele, Chairperson)
Canadian Auto Workers, Local 2163 Environment Committee (Bonnie Stensil, Chairperson)
Stewardship Oxford (Dave Depuydt, Stewardship Coordinator)
Carolian Canada Coalition (Michelle Kanter, Executive Director)

