



EB-2009-0079

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING**

**HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**

**APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT**

**WOODSTOCK EAST**

**TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE PROJECT**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (the "Applicant" or "Hydro One") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") dated May 31, 2009 under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. The Applicant has applied for an order of the Board granting leave to construct transmission facilities in the County of Oxford and specifically in the City of Woodstock and in Norwich Township. The work involves rebuilding approximately 4 km of the existing Hydro One single circuit 115 kV transmission line (B8W), which is reaching end of life on an existing right of way ("ROW") with a double circuit 230 kV line. Hydro One also proposes to construct a new transformer station ("Commerce Way TS") at the request of the Local Distribution Companies, to which the rebuilt line will connect. It should also be noted that the new proposed transformer station is not subject to Board Section 92 approval, but is included in the project description to provide additional context to the application.

A map showing the location of the proposed facilities is included with this Notice.

The Applicant submits that the proposed facilities are needed to provide adequate transmission capacity and reliability levels for the Woodstock area and to meet projected load increases at the associated transformer stations.

The Applicant also advises that some additional land rights are required to accommodate the proposed transmission facilities, but the proposed line will be mostly installed on the existing ROW. Some additional permanent land rights will be required in order to widen the ROW in various locations along the route. The extent of the need

for additional land rights will be finalized shortly upon completion of a survey of the ROW corridor.

The estimated total cost of the proposed transmission facilities is approximately \$14.9 million. The Applicant proposes that the cost of the project be included in the provincial transmission connection pool which would have an estimated 0.1% impact on customer bills.

The scheduled in-service date for the upgraded transmission line is December 2011.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2009-0079 to this application.

### **How to see the Applicant's Pre-filed Evidence**

Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of the application will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices and at the Applicant's head office (see addresses below).

### **How to Participate**

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

#### **1. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board**

Your letter with comments will be provided to the Board members deciding the application and will be part of the public record for the application. If you wish to make an oral presentation to the Board, your letter should include this request. Your letter must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this Notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

#### **2. Become an Observer**

Observers do not actively participate in the proceeding but monitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving documents issued by the Board. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in this proceeding. If you become an observer, you need to contact the Applicant and others in order to receive documents that they file in this proceeding and they may charge you for this. Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website. Your request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no

later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this Notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below; however, two paper copies are also required. You must also provide a copy of your letter to the Applicant.

### **3. Become an Intervenor**

You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Intervenor status is eligible to receive evidence and other material submitted by participants in the hearing. Likewise, intervenors will be expected to send copies of any material they file to all parties to the hearing. Your request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this Notice. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the Applicant. The Board may choose to proceed with this application by way of written or oral hearing.

The Board will hold a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reason for that preference.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at [www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca). Additionally, two paper copies are required. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board's website under e-Filing and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca), e-Filing Services. The Board also accepts interventions by email, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

**How to Contact Us**

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2009-0079 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. 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.

**Need More Information?**

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca) or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

**IMPORTANT**

**IF YOU DO NOT INFORM THE BOARD OF YOUR WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDING. FURTHER, IF THE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT IS GRANTED, HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. MAY SUBSEQUENTLY APPLY FOR THE RIGHT TO EXPROPRIATE IF NECESSARY.**

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**DATED** at Toronto June 15, 2009

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
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