



Interrogatories for Hydro One Networks Inc. EB-2009-0078

Interrogatory No. 1

Ref. Exhibit B, Tab 6, Sch. 1, p. 2, lines 13 to 19.

Preamble

The application states that “An Environmental Assessment Report was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for the predecessor “Hydroelectric Generating Station Extensions Mattagami River” and approved in 1994. There was no expressed opposition to the project and all concerns were satisfactorily resolved. There are no requirements under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the current project; however, Hydro One is undertaking an environmental screening for due diligence purposes. This screening will be completed in April 2009 at which time it will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment.

Question/Request

1. Were potentially affected Métis communities involved in the development and/or consulted in the Environmental Assessment approved in 1994? If so, please describe Métis involvement.
2. Does this mean that the Board will be the final Crown authorized decision-maker with respect to assessing whether the Crown’s duty to consult and accommodate potentially affected Aboriginal communities has been fulfilled with respect to the project?
3. Has this environmental screening with respect to the project been completed? If yes, please provide a copy.

Interrogatory No. 2

Ref. Exh. B, Tab 6, Sch. 7, p. 4

Preamble

The application indicates that First Nations and Métis have been notified, but it does not refer to consultation, and, if required, accommodations being reached with potentially affected Aboriginal communities.

Question/Request

1. Please provide any information, research, work or studies undertaken by Hydro One or provided to Hydro one by third parties (including governments) that outlines and/or assesses the impacts of the project on Métis land use, way of life and harvesting practices.
2. Has consultation taken place with potentially affected Aboriginal communities?
3. Have any arrangements or accommodations (i.e., construction related mitigation measures, etc.) with potentially affected Aboriginal communities been reached?