

EB-2009-0079

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S. O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an Order granting leave to construct new transmission line facilities in the County of Oxford including the City of Woodstock and Norwich Township.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

An application dated May 31, 2009 (the "Application") has been filled by Hydro One Networks Inc. (the "Applicant") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B seeking an Order of the Board granting leave to construct transmission facilities. The Application has been assigned Board File No. EB-2009-0079.

The Applicant is seeking 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) 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.

The Applicant submits that the proposed facilities are needed to deal with an end of life condition for transmission line B8W, to provide adequate transmission capacity and reliability levels for the Woodstock area and to meet projected load increases at the associated transformer stations.

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

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on June 15, 2009. The Applicant has served and published the Notice as directed by the Board. No requests for intervenor status were received for this proceeding. No comments on the application have been received to date and one request (Vuteq Canada Inc.) for observer status has been received. The Board approves the request for observer status from Vuteq Canada Inc., an Automotive Parts supplier with facilities located in the vicinity of the proposed project.

In the Notice of Application and Written Hearing, the Board indicated that it intended to proceed by way of a written hearing unless any party satisfied the Board that there is a good reason for not proceeding by way of a written hearing. No party has made such a request and the matter will proceed by way of a written hearing.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following items related to the Application. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. If Board staff wish information from the Applicant that is in addition to the evidence pre-filed with the Board and that is relevant to the hearing it shall request the information by means of written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the Applicant on or before **August 4**, **2009**.
- 2. The Applicant shall, no later than **August 18, 2009**, file with the Board a complete response to each of the interrogatories.
- 3. All filings to the Board noted in this Procedural Order must be in the form of 2 hard copies and must be received by the Board by 4:45 p.m. on the stated dates. An electronic copy of the filing must also be provided. If you already have a user ID, the electronic copy of your filing should be submitted through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-Filing Services" page on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions, please refer to the RESS Document

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ISSUED at Toronto on July 24, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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