



**EB-2009-0425**

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING**

### **HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT TORONTO MIDTOWN TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (the “Applicant” or “Hydro One”) has filed an application dated December 23, 2009 with the Ontario Energy Board, (the “Board”) under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. Hydro One has applied for an order of the Board granting leave to construct transmission reinforcement facilities in the Toronto Midtown area to reinforce and enhance its existing 115 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission system. The following are the facilities proposed:

The construction of a three circuit 115kV overhead line between Leaside Transformer Station (“TS”) and Bayview Junction (approximately 1.7km) replacing a two circuit overhead line;

The construction of a deep rock tunnel between Bayview Junction and Birch Junction and the installation therein of two 115 kV underground cables, replacing one existing underground cable;

The reconductoring of two existing 115 kV overhead lines (including one which is currently idle) between Birch Junction and Bridgman TS; and

Modifications to various related facilities, including a new 115 kV circuit breaker at Leaside TS, reconfigurations at Bridgman TS and protection, control and telecommunications facilities at these transformer stations.

The project is expected to cost \$105 million, and Hydro One estimates that Toronto Hydro Electric System Limited (“THESL”) will cover approximately 40% of the costs, the proportion of costs associated with the enhancement to meet THESL’s need for a system capacity increase. A map showing the location of the proposed facilities is included in this Notice.

Hydro One advises that the project will be undertaken along existing rights-of-way, but land rights will have to be renegotiated between Leaside TS and Birch Junction, and some temporary access rights are also required.

The scheduled in-service date of the proposed facilities is April 2013.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2009-0425 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 offices (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 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 not hold a written hearing if 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.

You must file two paper copies and an electronic copy of your intervention request with the Board. If you already have a user ID, please submit the electronic copy of your intervention request through the Board's web portal at [www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://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](http://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 Guidelines also found on the "e-Filing Services" webpage. Alternately, the electronic copy of your intervention request may be submitted by e-mail at the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit the electronic copy of their intervention request on a CD or diskette in pdf format.

#### **How to Contact Us**

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2009-0425 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 REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.**

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**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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