

EB-2009-0425

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 the Toronto Midtown Transmission Reinforcement Project.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

An application dated December 23, 2009 (the "Application") has been filed by Hydro One Networks Inc. (the "Applicant") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 92(1) 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-2009-0425.

The Applicant is seeking leave to construct transmission facilities for the Toronto Midtown Transmission Reinforcement Project ("Midtown Project"). The work involves constructing and/or renewing 5.3 km of overhead and underground transmission line facilities in the City of Toronto. The project consists of replacement of an end-of-life underground cable section, construction of an underground tunnel, construction of a new circuit to address the overloading of existing facilities and future load growth, and modifications to transformer station facilities. Transformer Station ("TS") modifications include installing a new 115 kV circuit breaker at Leaside TS, reconfigurations at Bridgman TS and additional protection, control and telecommunication facilities at both stations.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on January 28, 2010. The Applicant has served and published the Notice as directed by the Board. Applications were received for intervenor status from the Independent Electricity System.

Operator, Toronto Hydro Electric System, the Toronto District School Board, and the North Rosedale Ratepayers Association. Two applications for observer status were received, one from the Ontario Power Authority, the other from the Moore Park Residents Association, with the latter requesting only electronic copies of Board documents. The Board received no request for cost eligibility from any party.

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 satisfies 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. If the proceeding follows the usual sequence it is expected that a decision would be rendered on or about May 3, 2010.

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:

- Board staff requiring information from the Applicant that is in addition to the evidence pre-filed with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request the information by means of written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the Applicant on or before **Monday, March 8, 2010**.
- Intervenors who wish information from the Applicant that is in addition to the
 evidence pre-filed with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall
 request the information by means of written interrogatories filed with the Board
 and delivered to the Applicant on or before Wednesday, March 10, 2010.
- 3. All interrogatories and responses must include a reference to the section of the application which identifies the specific evidence on which the interrogatory is based.
- The Applicant shall file with the Board and deliver to the requesting party, a complete response to each of the interrogatories, no later than Friday, March 19, 2010.

5. If Board staff and intervenors wish to submit evidence they should advise the Board of that intent no later than **Tuesday**, **March 23**, **2010**.

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 Guidelines also found on the "e-Filing Services" webpage. If the Board's web portal is not available, the electronic copy of your filing may be submitted by e-mail at Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit the electronic copy of their filing on a CD or diskette in PDF format.

ISSUED at Toronto on February 23, 2010

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Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary