



December 22, 2010

Ontario Energy Board  
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2300 Yonge Street  
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4  
**Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: CK Transmission Inc. Licence Application (EB-2010-0351)**

On December 14, 2010 the Board published the Notice of Application and Hearing for the above-noted proceeding deep within its website.

*ENWIN* requests Intervenor Status. *ENWIN* will not seek a cost award.

*ENWIN* is a local distribution company (LDC) in the County of Essex, specifically in the City of Windsor. With the only exception of electricity transmitted through international interconnections, all electricity transmitted into and out of *ENWIN*'s service area passes through the municipality of Chatham-Kent. Currently, that transmission is owned and controlled by Hydro One. The introduction of an additional or alternative transmitter could materially impact *ENWIN* and others in the *ENWIN* service area. This is true for what the Application calls the "initial project" and "future transmission system expansions as may be required under Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan."

*ENWIN* notes that the former Board Chair publicly spoke about the importance of regional planning on at least 3 occasions this past year. As the LDC that serves approximately half of all customers in the Essex County region, *ENWIN*'s inclusion as an Intervenor in this proceeding would help to bring regional perspective.

At this point, *ENWIN* does not concede that this matter should proceed by way of written hearing. As its initial project, the Applicant appears to intend to construct almost 40km of transmission line and connect up to 270MW to that line. Given the "west of London" projects envisioned in the Province's Long Term Energy Plan and the Applicant's expressed interest in future expansion, there is considerable potential to considerably impact the safety, reliability and availability of the Southwestern Ontario transmission system. As a function of its base of operations / starting location, the Applicant could, depending on the terms of its licence, have a huge impact on the transmission of electricity in the region.

To be clear, *ENWIN* is not asserting at this time that granting a licence to the Applicant would adversely impact the grid or other parties (such as *ENWIN*) that are connected to the grid. In fact, if granted a licence, the Applicant may improve safety, reliability and availability of the transmission system. It may be able to deliver other benefits such as competition, service, better economics, and efficiency, all of which the Applicant asserts in its Application. These are considerations that go to the very heart of the industry.

*ENWIN* submits that in light of the potential widespread implications and the very detailed issues associated with operating a transmission company, the Board may benefit from one or more in-person iterative procedures. It is, however, premature to make a decision on what, if any, those procedures should be (e.g. technical conference, oral hearing). *ENWIN* suggests that the Board invite submissions on next steps following the filing of interrogatory responses.

*ENWIN*'s contact for this proceeding will be the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

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