



EB-2011-0140

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

**TO DESIGNATE A TRANSMITTER TO
CARRY OUT DEVELOPMENT WORK FOR
THE EAST-WEST TIE LINE**

The Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) is initiating a proceeding to designate an electricity transmitter to undertake development work for a new electricity transmission line between Northeast and Northwest Ontario: the East-West Tie Line. The Ontario Power Authority has recommended that development work be initiated on the East-West Tie Line in order to maintain its viability as an option to meet the long-term supply needs of Northwest Ontario. The Board has assigned File No. EB-2011-0140 to the designation proceeding.

The designated transmitter will undertake the development work, and will have the opportunity to recover its development costs, under sections 70 and 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sch. B. The final decision as to whether the East-West Tie Line will be constructed will be made in a future leave to construct proceeding.

All transmitters who registered their interest in the designation process by September 21, 2011 are invited to file a plan for the development of the East-West Tie Line. The date for filing plans will be set in due course.

HOW TO SEE THE DOCUMENTS ON THE PUBLIC RECORD

The documents on the public record of the proceeding are on the Board’s website on the “Transmission Infrastructure: East-West Tie Line” page, which you can access via the following link: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/EWTie. These documents can

also be seen at the Board's offices in Toronto, Ontario.

WRITTEN HEARING

The Board intends to proceed by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you intend to participate in the proceeding, and wish to object to the Board holding a written hearing, you must provide written reasons to the Board as to why an oral hearing is necessary by **March 5, 2012**.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

If you wish to actively participate in the proceeding (e.g. submit questions, file argument), you may request intervenor status from the Board, no later than **March 5, 2012**. Instructions for requesting intervenor status are available on the Board's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/EWTie. Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and on the Board's website.

If you do not have internet access, please call 1-888-632-2727 to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

If you wish to give your opinion on the proceeding to the Board, you are invited to write a letter of comment to the Board no later than **April 2, 2012**. All letters of comment will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website. Before placing the letter of comment on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter of comment will become part of the public record. The address for letters of comment is: Board Secretary, Ontario Energy Board, 2300 Yonge St., Suite 2701, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4 or e-mail: boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca. Please reference file number **EB-2011-0140** at the top of your letter.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDING.

DATED at Toronto February 2, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

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