

EB-2012-0082

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT TRANSMISSION FACILITIES FOR HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated March 28, 2012 under sections 92 and 96(2) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. The Applicant has applied for an order of the Board granting leave to construct to upgrade 70 km of transmission line facilities (the "Transmission Facilities") in the west of London area.

Hydro One is proposing to upgrade the existing transmission line between Lambton Transformer Station, located south of the City of Sarnia, and Longwood Transformer Station, located west of the City of London. The work will include replacing approximately 70 km of existing 230 kV double circuit transmission line between Lambton TS and Macksville Junction with a new conductor capable of higher thermal capacity and replacing existing insulators and existing hardware, including minor modifications to three towers. A map is included in this Notice showing the transmission line to be reconductored.

No new permanent land rights are anticipated for the project; however, temporary rights for construction purposes will be required at specific locations along the Lambton TS to Longwood TS corridor.

The Board has assigned **File No. EB-2012-0082** to this application.

Board Jurisdiction

For any leave to construct application under section 92 of the Act, section 96(2) of the Act provides that when determining if a proposed work is in the public interest, the Board's jurisdiction is limited to consideration of:

- the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service, and
- where applicable and in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources.

Environmental issues with respect to this project are considered through a separate process which is not a part of this Board proceeding.

How to see the Application

To see a copy of the application, go to the Consumer page of the Board's website and enter the case number EB-2012-0082 in the "Find an Application" box. A copy can also be seen at the Board's office and at the applicant's office at the addresses indicated below, or on the applicant's website www.hydroone.com.

Written Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with this matter 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 object to a written hearing, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant within **10 days** of the publication or service date of this notice.

How to Participate

Comment

If you wish to give your opinion on the proceeding to the Board Members hearing the application, you are invited to send a written letter of comment to the Board no later

than **30 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Hearing Panel.

Observe

If you do not wish to actively participate in the proceeding but you do wish to receive documents issued by the Board, you may request observer status. Your written request must be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice.

Personal Information in Letters of Comment and Observer Requests

All letters of comment or letters requesting observer status will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available on the Board's website. Before placing the letters on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e. not business) contact information from the letters (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 will become part of the public record. Please address your letter to the Board Secretary at the address below, and reference file number **EB-2012-0082** at the top of your letter.

Intervene

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 **10 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. Instructions for requesting intervenor status are available on the Board's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate. Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available 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.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number EB-2012-0082 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.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

<u>ADDRESSES</u>

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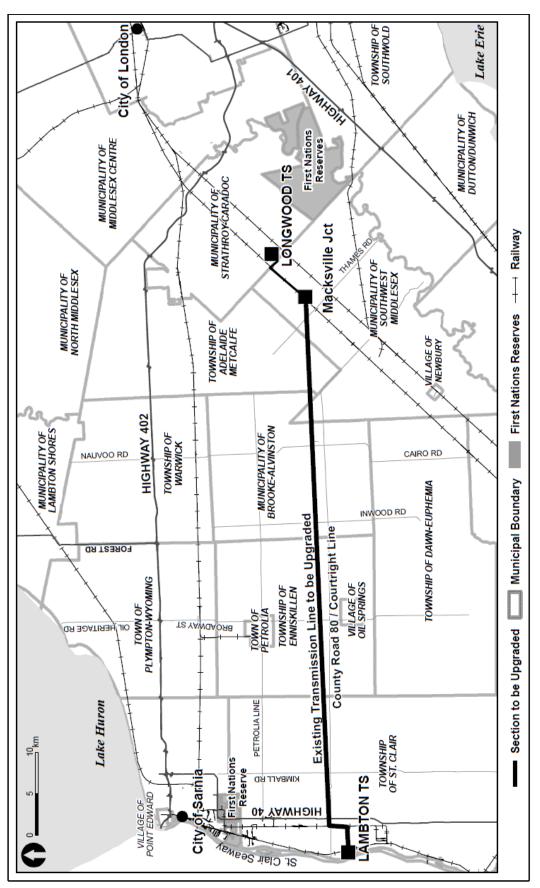
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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Lambton to Longwood Transmission Upgrade