

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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 or Orders granting leave to construct new transmission line facilities in Norfolk County (the “Vanessa to Norfolk Transmission Reinforcement Project” or the “Project”).

**INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR
NOTICE OF INTERVENTION**

1. The Independent Electricity System Operator (the “IESO”) received notice of this application by way of regular mail on April 18, 2008, and seeks to intervene and participate in the hearing of this matter. The IESO intends to participate by, *inter alia*, making written submissions, responding to relevant interrogatories or enquiries from the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”), Board Staff and other parties to the proceeding, and appearing as an independent adviser or witness at any oral hearing held by the Board in respect of this proceeding.
2. The IESO is a non-profit, non-share capital corporation independent of all other participants in the Ontario electricity industry. The IESO is established under the *Electricity Act, 1998* to administer the Ontario wholesale power market and to direct the operation and maintain the reliability of the IESO-controlled grid. The IESO does not own any electric power generation or transmission facilities. It directs the operation of transmission and generation facilities, including interconnections that are situated in Ontario.
3. The authority and obligations of the IESO are established by legislation, its licence issued by the Board, and the Ontario Market Rules. In particular, the IESO’s responsibility for maintaining reliability and operability of the IESO-controlled grid is more precisely set out in the Market Rules which, among other things, require the

IESO to identify current or emerging constraints that may adversely affect the reliability and operability of the integrated power system, and conduct system impact assessments in order to assess and address adverse reliability and market efficiency impacts that are attributed to proposed new or modified connections to the IESO-controlled grid. Accordingly, the IESO has a direct and substantial interest in the hearing of this matter.

4. The IESO's detailed technical studies and conclusions pertaining to the proposed Vanessa to Norfolk Transmission Reinforcement Project are reported in the System Impact Assessment report that was filed as part of Hydro One's application for leave to construct.

5. The IESO takes no position on whether the Board should dispose of this matter by way of a written or oral hearing. The IESO wishes to receive copies of all evidence filed by the applicant and registered intervenors. The IESO asks that copies of all filed materials be sent to the IESO at the address set out below.

6. The address of the IESO is:

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7. The IESO will not be seeking an award of costs for its intervention.

DATED at Toronto this 25th day of April, 2008.

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