

EB-2013-0053

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

APPLICATION BY HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT UPGRADED ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LINE FACILITIES IN THE KITCHENER-WATERLOO-CAMBRIDGE-GUELPH AREA

Hydro One Networks Inc. (the "Applicant") has filed an application, received March 11, 2013, with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B (the "Act"). The Applicant has applied for an order of the Board granting leave to construct to upgrade electricity transmission line facilities. The Board has assigned file number EB-2013-0053 to this application.

The transmission line facilities upgrade includes:

- (i) The replacement of approximately 5 km of existing 115 kV double circuit transmission line with a double circuit 230kV transmission line;
- (ii) The replacement of approximately 2 km of Optical Ground wire on existing 230 kV structures; and
- (iii) The installation of 2 new 230 kV/115kV autotransformers.

The facilities are in the Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge-Guelph ("KWCG") area, in the City of Guelph, and the Townships of Guelph/Eramosa and Centre Wellington. A map showing the location of the proposed Facilities is attached as Appendix A to this Notice.

The Applicant states that the proposed Facilities are needed to reinforce the electricity supply to the KWCG area and to minimize the impact of major transmission outages on customers in the area.

Construction of the Facilities is planned for an in-service date of December 2015.

Board Jurisdiction

For a leave to construct application that is filed under section 92 of the Act, section 96 of the Act states that the Board shall consider the public interest and shall only consider the following two issues when deciding if the proposed project is in the public interest:

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

The Board therefore has no power to review environmental issues. Environmental issues related to this project are to be considered through the Class Environmental Assessment process and parties should contact the Applicant directly for information on that process.

How to see Hydro One Networks Inc.'s Application

To see a copy of the application, go to the Consumer page of the Board's website and enter the case number EB-2013-0053 in the "Find an Application" box. Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of the application will also be available for public inspection at the addresses listed below and at http://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 the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, 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 date of service on you 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 letter of comment to the Board no later than 30 days after the publication or date of service on you 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 Board Members hearing the application.

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 date of service on you of this notice.

Personal Information in Letters of Comment and Observer Requests

All letters of comment and 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-2013-0053 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-2013-0053 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 FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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APPENDIX A

TO

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Location Map

