

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

### **Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to upgrade a high-voltage transmission line.**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for permission to upgrade approximately 25 kilometres of a currently idle 115 kilovolt electricity transmission line and build a 100m connection to an existing transformer station. The line would connect a wind farm and its associated electricity transmission line to the provincial power grid.

Hydro One has land rights for the existing transmission line that it proposes to upgrade.

Hydro One's application to the OEB concerns the upgrade and connection of the existing transmission line only. It does not concern the wind farm or its associated transmission line.

A map of the route of the transmission line is printed below.

### **The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One's request.**

During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Hydro One and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected.

**The OEB hearing will consider specific issues determined by law.** The *Ontario Energy Board Act* specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these issues are.

As required by the *Ontario Energy Board Act* the OEB will consider three issues:

- The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service;
- The promotion of the use of renewable energy sources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario; and
- The form of agreement offered to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line. However, this application does not identify any required agreements with landowners.

**The OEB hearing is not the only approval process required before a transmission line is built.** For example, most transmission lines are subject to the Ministry of the Environment's Renewable Energy Approval process. The Board's review will only address the three factors outlined above and will not address other factors such as environmental, health or aesthetics issues.

## BE INFORMED

You have the right to information regarding Hydro One's application. You can:

- Read Hydro One's application on the OEB's website (See below under "Learn More").
- Sign up to be an observer, who will automatically receive OEB documents related to the hearing.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

If you would be affected by the proposed transmission line, you may want to take a more active role in the hearing. You can:

- Send the OEB a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing; or
- Ask the OEB for permission to be an active participant in the hearing (an intervenor). Intervenors can provide evidence, argue their positions and submit relevant questions to be answered by Hydro One (interrogatories). To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider. If you wish to be an intervenor, the OEB must receive your request by **[insert actual date 10 calendar days from publication]**.

## LEARN MORE

To read the documents concerning this hearing please go to the OEB website [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/), click on "Consumers" and enter file number **EB-2013-0246** in the "Find an Application" box. You can also phone Rudra Mukherji at 1-888-632-6273 extension 608 or Edik Zwarenstein at 1-888-632-6273 extension 749 with any questions.

## Oral and Written Hearings

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The Board intends to use a written hearing for this case unless there is a good reason why an oral hearing is necessary. If you believe an oral hearing is necessary, you must provide written reasons to the OEB by **[insert actual date 10 calendar days from publication]**.

## Privacy

If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the OEB's public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will be public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all your information will be public.

This application was filed under section 92 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

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