Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2013-0421

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 pursuant to section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (as amended) granting leave to construct transmission line facilities in the Windsor-Essex Region, Ontario.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

March 31, 2014

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application on January 22, 2014 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"). Hydro One has applied for an order of the Board granting leave to construct approximately 13 kilometers of transmission line facilities ("Transmission Facilities") in the Windsor-Essex area. The construction of the Transmission Facilities include:

- Construction of approximately 13 kilometers of new 230 kV double-circuit line on steel lattice towers on a new right-of-way;
- Installation of optic ground wire ("OPGW") on top of the new 230 kV towers as well as new OPGW on the existing towers near Learnington Junction.

The Transmission Facilities are required to: (a) address electricity supply capacity needs in the Windsor-Essex area; (b) minimize the impact of major transmission outages to customers in the area; and (c) ensure that Hydro One is compliant with the IESO's Ontario Resource and Transmission Assessment Criteria.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2013-0421 to this application.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing ("Notice") on February 13, 2014. Hydro One submitted an affidavit confirming publication and service of the Notice.

Intervenor Requests

The Board received requests to be intervenors from Comber Wind Limited Partnership ("Comber"), E.L.K. Energy Inc., Entegrus Powerlines Inc., Enwin Utilities, Essex Powerlines Corporation, the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") and the Ontario Power Authority ("OPA"). None of the parties that applied for intervenor status sought eligibility to apply for cost awards. Hydro One did not object to any of the requests.

Comber, E.L.K. Energy Inc., Entegrus Powerlines Inc., Enwin Utilities, Essex Powerlines Corporation, the IESO and the OPA are granted intervenor status. A list of approved intervenors and their contact information is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

Scope of the Board's Jurisdiction

In this proceeding, the Board is required to determine whether the construction of the Transmission Facilities is in the public interest, as described by subsection 96(2) of the Act and whether to approve the form of agreements with affected landowners pursuant to section 97 of the Act. In determining whether the Transmission Facilities are in the public interest, subsection 96(2) directs the Board to consider only the following:

- 1. The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service.
- 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 will consider these factors as they relate specifically to the Transmission Facilities that are the subject of this leave to construct application.

Adjournment of Hearing

Hydro One did not file a System Impact Assessment (SIA) Report and a Customer Impact Assessment (CIA) Report along with its application as it is required to do pursuant to the Board's filing requirements for leave to construct applications. In its prefiled evidence Hydro One indicated that the SIA and the CIA would be filed by February 2014. The Board understands that the filing of the SIA and CIA has been further delayed and that the reports are now expected to be filed by May 2014. Given the importance of the two reports and the length of the delay, the Board has decided to adjourn the hearing until such time the two reports are filed. Following the filing of the SIA and CIA by Hydro One, the Board will issue further Procedural Orders establishing the schedule for the hearing.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The hearing is adjourned until the filing of System Impact Assessment Report and a Customer Impact Assessment Report by Hydro One.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2013-0421, be made through the Board's web portal at <u>https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to the address below.

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.

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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APPENDIX "A"

Hydro One Networks Inc.

Leave to Construct Application

Board File No. EB-2013-0421

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Dated: March 31, 2014

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