

EB-2007-0027

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT WOODSTOCK AREA TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

Hydro One Networks Inc. (the "Applicant" or "Hydro One") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") dated March 9, 2007 under section 92 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 approximately 14 kilometres ("km") of double circuit 230 Kilovolt ("kV") electricity transmission line, replacing an existing 115 kV double circuit transmission line from Ingersoll Transformer Station ("TS") to Woodstock TS. The line extends through portions of the County of Oxford, the City of Woodstock, the Township of Southwest Oxford and the Township of Zorra.

The Applicant's proposal also includes a new transformer station ("Karn TS") about 2 km west of Woodstock TS comprised of two 230-115 kV autotransformers and associated equipment.

The Applicant states that the proposed facilities are needed to ensure adequate electricity supply to consumers in the Woodstock area by providing increased transmission capacity in the area.

The Applicant advises that the majority of land rights required to construct the proposed transmission line have already been acquired in connection with the existing transmission line facilities. New land rights are required at select locations along the transmission right-of-way and for the new Karn TS site. Some temporary access rights are also required for construction.

A map showing the location of the proposed facilities is included in this Notice.

The estimated total cost of the proposed facilities is approximately \$72 million and the scheduled in-service date is April 2010.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2007-0027 to this application.

How to see the Applicant's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of the application will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices and at the Applicant's head office (addresses below).

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

- You may send the Board a letter of comment. Your letter should include any request to make an oral presentation to the Board, and must be received by the Board no later than 30 days from the publication date of this Notice or, if you have been served this Notice personally, no later than 30 days from the date of service.
- 2. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter received by the Board no later than 10 days from the publication date of this Notice, or, if you have been served this Notice personally, no later than 10 days from the date of service.
- 3. You may request intervenor status if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter of intervention received by the Board no later than 10 days from the publication date of this Notice, or, if you have been served this Notice personally, no later than 10 days from the date of service. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the proceeding and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may choose to hold either a written or an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reasons for that preference. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the Applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the Applicant.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this notice please reference Board file number EB-2007-0027. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address, 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.**

For your convenience, the Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail. Our e-mail address is Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Please include the application file reference number in the subject line of your e-mail.

Letters of intervention must be sent to the Board by regular mail to the address below. Please remember that you must send a copy of your request for intervention to the applicant at the address listed below.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

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Dated at Toronto, March 22, 2007

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