

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 Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B) for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct a new double circuit 230 kV electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. pursuant to s. 92 of the *Act* for an Order or Orders granting leave to upgrade existing transmission station facilities in the Districts of Thunder Bay and Algoma.

SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE #2

I, David Biggar, of the City of Toronto, make oath and say as follows:

1. I am in the employ of CanACRE Ltd. and as such have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to having either carried out or directed be carried out the activities described below on behalf of Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. operating as NextBridge Infrastructure, on behalf of NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge).
2. Pursuant to the October 12, 2017 Letter of Direction from the Ontario Energy Board (Board) directing NextBridge and Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) to serve a copy of the Notice of Hearing in English, French, Cree and Ojibway (Notice) along with copies of the NextBridge and Hydro One Leave to Construct applications (Letter of Direction), on January 23, 2018 I caused to be served by registered mail the Notice along with copies of the NextBridge and Hydro One Leave to Construct applications on the following in

accordance with a search of the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines disposition registry (CLAIMaps) concluded November 21, 2017 and January 15, 2018:

- a. All newly staked claims holders directly affected by the EWT Project footprint since the CLAIMaps registry was last consulted on September 28, 2017.
4. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" respectively are true copies of the aforesaid Notice and NextBridge October 17, 2017 cover letter, NextBridge application and Hydro One application.
5. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "D" is proof in the form of registered mail receipts that the Notice and applications were served on the parties identified in paragraph 2 above as directed by the Board in the Letter of Direction.

SWORN before me in the City
of Toronto, this 1st day of
February, 2018

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(Original Signed)

David Biggar

VIA REGISTERED MAIL

January 23, 2018

To: «Address»

**Re: Upper Canada Transmission, Inc.
Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks (Transmission))
Applications for leave to construct a transmission line and associated facilities
Ontario Energy Board File Numbers: EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194
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On July 31, 2017, Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. operating as NextBridge Infrastructure, on behalf of NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct a new double circuit 230 kV electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa (Project). The Project may be familiar to you as you may have received previous notification regarding the Project in relation to a different land interest, or received project updates and open house invitations as part of the environmental assessment (EA) process related to the Project.

As part of NextBridge's Crown land disposition process, a regular review of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) disposition registry (CLAIMaps) is completed to identify newly staked claims affected by the proposed project infrastructure. As a result of this activity, additional interests in land that were previously unidentified as potentially impacted by the Project have been identified as directly impacted by the Project, including yours.

For your information, attached are copies of the following:

1. The Notice of Application and related materials sent to all directly affected parties in late October, 2017 in accordance with the OEB's Letter of Direction; and
2. Procedural Order No. 1 issued November 29, 2017 identifying intervening parties, clarifying the scope of proceeding and procedural information related to the OEB's consideration of the NextBridge application.

To view the NextBridge application and evidence, please visit the NextBridge website at www.nextbridge.ca/project info.

Yours truly,



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EB-2017-0182
EB-2017-0194

**Upper Canada Transmission Inc. (on behalf of
NextBridge Infrastructure) and Hydro One Networks Inc.**

**Application for leave to construct an electricity
transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario
- and -**

**Application to upgrade existing transmission station facilities in the Districts of
Thunder Bay and Algoma, Ontario**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
November 29, 2017

Upper Canada Transmission Inc. (NextBridge) and Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed applications with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 31, 2017 under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B (Act).

In its application, NextBridge seeks an order granting leave to construct approximately 450 kilometres of new double circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) overhead electricity transmission line on a new right of way between the Lakehead Transmission Station (TS) in Thunder Bay and the Wawa TS in the District of Algoma (East-West Tie Line Project). NextBridge's application has been assigned File No. EB-2017-0182 (NextBridge Application). NextBridge has also applied under section 97 of the Act for approval of the form of land use agreements and under section 101 of the Act authorizing the construction of portions of the proposed transmission facilities upon, under or over a highway, utility line or ditch.

In its application, Hydro One seeks an order granting leave to construct the facilities necessary to upgrade existing TS facilities associated with the East-West Tie Line Project. Hydro One's application has been assigned File No. EB-2017-0194 (Hydro One

Application). The OEB has decided to hear the two applications together in one proceeding.

In 2012, the OEB undertook a competitive designation process to select a transmitter to carry out development work for a transmission line to connect Northeast and Northwest Ontario. In August 2013, the OEB designated Upper Canada Transmission Inc. operating as NextBridge as the electricity transmitter to complete development work for the project. Pursuant to section 96.1 of the Act, an Order in Council effective March 4, 2016 was issued, declaring that this transmission line to connect Northeast and Northwest Ontario is needed as a priority project.

The OEB issued a combined Notice of Hearing for the NextBridge Application and Hydro One Application on October 17, 2017.

In response to the Notice of Hearing, the OEB received intervenor requests from:

- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Dorion Township
- Hydro One (for the NextBridge Application)
- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
- Scot Kyle
- Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
- NextBridge (for the Hydro One Application)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

CCC, MNO and SEC also applied for cost eligibility.

One objection was filed in respect of the above intervenor requests. By letter to the OEB dated November 13, 2017, NextBridge requested that Hydro One's participation in the NextBridge Application be restricted to matters relating to how the proposed transmission line will interconnect to Hydro One's TS facilities. This request to limit Hydro One's participation arose following the disclosure of Hydro One's intention to file a competing leave to construct application for the East-West Tie Line Project. NextBridge argued that Hydro One intends to use, and potentially disrupt, slow, and undermine this proceeding for the purpose of assisting Hydro One in its competing leave to construct application.

In its letter, NextBridge also raised further concerns and issues about Hydro One's participation in this proceeding. These included:

- requesting the OEB vet Hydro One's requests for information
- asking the OEB to issue guidance on the elements that a competing leave to construct application must contain
- requesting that future NextBridge information of a competitive nature be provided only to Hydro One's counsel on the understanding that it not be shared with others at Hydro One
- requesting that the OEB direct Hydro One to destroy non-public information that NextBridge provided to Hydro One related to the East-West Tie Line Project
- directing Hydro One to enact internal confidentiality screens relating to its competing leave to construction application

In response to these concerns, the OEB states that the participation of all intervenors, including Hydro One, is restricted to matters relevant to the proceeding and no intervenor is permitted to disrupt, slow or undermine the proceeding. The OEB expects all parties to comply with the timelines required by the OEB and participate in this proceeding in a responsible manner.

It is important to note that intervenors are restricted to asking interrogatories for matters relevant to the proceeding. The OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* provide the method for an applicant to respond to requests that are beyond the scope of the proceeding.¹ As a result, there is no need for the OEB to vet Hydro One's requests for information.

It is premature and unnecessary to address how future confidential filings of NextBridge will be treated. The OEB's existing *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* sets out uniform procedures for the filing of confidential materials at the OEB.

Finally, the OEB makes no ruling or order (i) relating to documentation previously provided to Hydro One, (ii) to create a confidentiality screen at Hydro One, or (iii) as to the appropriate filing requirements for any competing application to the extent, if any, that they may differ from the existing requirements set out in Chapter 4 of the Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications.

Hydro One has written to the OEB advising that it intends to respond to NextBridge's letter of November 13, 2017. This Procedural Order provides for the filing of Hydro One's response and an opportunity for NextBridge to file a reply to Hydro One. The

¹ Ontario Energy Board *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Rule 27.02(a).

OEB may consider the issues once it has received these submissions should it determine that the issues are within the OEB's jurisdiction to address.

CCC, Dorion Township, Hydro One (for the NextBridge Application), IESO, MNO, NextBridge (for the Hydro One Application), Scot Kyle, and SEC are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. The OEB has also determined that CCC, MNO and SEC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of an OEB order, typically at the end of a proceeding.

Given certain issues raised in intervention requests of two intervenors, the OEB wants to remind parties as to the scope of this proceeding. As stated in the Act, the OEB's mandate in this case is to consider three issues: (i) the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service, (ii) the promotion of the use of renewable resources in the manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario and (iii) the forms of agreement offered by the applicants to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line and station facilities. This proceeding does not include a review of environmental and health concerns (raised in the request of Mr. Kyle) or financial compensation arrangements with landowners and municipalities (raised in the request of Dorion Township).

Dorion Township requested that the OEB proceed by way of an oral hearing. The OEB will decide at a later date if it will proceed by written or oral hearing.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Hydro One shall file its response to NextBridge's letter of November 13, 2017 by **December 6, 2017**.
2. NextBridge may file a reply to Hydro One's response in paragraph 1 of this Procedural Order by **December 11, 2017**.
3. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and material from NextBridge that is in addition to evidence already filed in the NextBridge

Application, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **December 21, 2017**.

4. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and material from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence already filed in the Hydro One Application, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **December 21, 2017**.
5. Hydro One and NextBridge shall file with the OEB complete written responses to their respective interrogatories and serve them on all parties by **January 25, 2017**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file numbers, EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194 and be made electronically in searchable / unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Zora Crnojacki at Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray, at Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, November 29, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

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Registrar

Schedule A

Procedural Order No. 1

Applicant and Intervenor Lists

EB-2017-0182

EB-2017-0194

**Upper Canada Transmission, Inc.
EB-2017-0182**

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October 17, 2017

VIA REGISTERED MAIL

**Re: Upper Canada Transmission, Inc.
Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks (Transmission))
Applications for leave to construct a transmission line and associated facilities
Ontario Energy Board File Numbers: EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194**

On July 31, 2017, Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. operating as NextBridge Infrastructure, on behalf of NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct a new double circuit 230 kV electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa. On the same day, Hydro One Networks (Transmission) applied to the OEB for an Order or Orders granting leave to upgrade existing transmission station facilities to interconnect the proposed transmission line.

On October 12, 2017, the OEB issued a Notice of Application and Letter of Direction in relation to the applications. The OEB intends to hear the applications together. As a party potentially interested in or impacted by the proposed transmission line and associated facilities, the Board has instructed NextBridge to provide you with a copy of the Board's Notice, NextBridge's application and Hydro One Networks (Transmission)'s application. The Notice provides information related to each application and includes details of how to participate in the proceeding.

Accordingly, enclosed please find the above-noted material.

To view the NextBridge application and evidence, please visit the NextBridge website at www.nextbridge.ca/project info.

To view the Hydro One Networks (Transmission) application and evidence, please visit https://www.hydroone.com/abouthydroone/RegulatoryInformation/oebapplications/Documents/HONI_S92_EWT_Appln_20170731.pdf.

Yours truly,



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Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build a high-voltage transmission line and Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to upgrade associated station facilities.

Learn More.

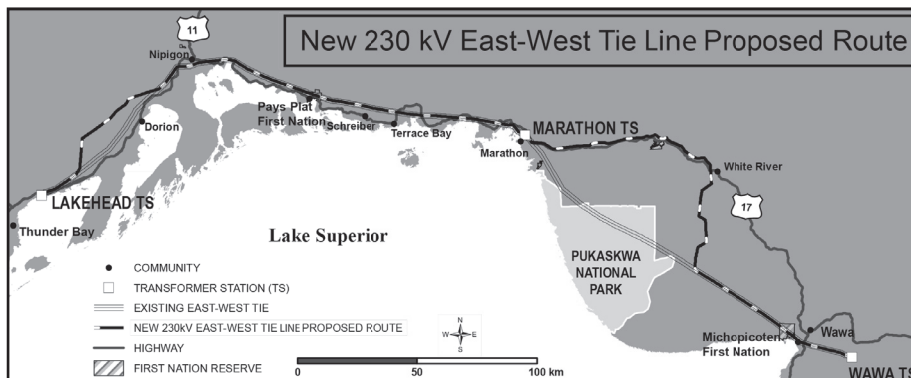
Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for permission to expand the electricity transmission network in the area between Wawa and Thunder Bay. This involves the construction of approximately 450 kilometres of 230 kilovolt electricity overhead transmission line connecting Wawa TS with Lakehead TS (the East-West Tie Line Project). **Hydro One Networks Inc.** is asking the OEB for permission to upgrade the associated station facilities.

The applicants are also asking the OEB to approve the forms of agreement they offer to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line and station facilities. In addition, Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. is asking the OEB to establish a Construction Work in Progress deferral account.

In 2013, the OEB designated Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. as the electricity transmitter to undertake development work for the East-West Tie Line Project. The Minister of Energy subsequently advised the OEB that the Lieutenant Governor in Council made an order effective March 4, 2016 declaring that the construction of the East-West Tie Line Project is needed as a priority project (Priority Project Designation). Important documents related to the OEB's review of these applications, including the designation process and subsequent correspondence from the Minister can be found on the OEB's website: : <https://www.oeb.ca/industry/applications-oeb/priority-leave-construct/east-west-tie-leave-construct>

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. have filed separate applications with the OEB. The OEB will hear these applications together.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is shown below.



THE OEB IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the requests of Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by the applicants 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, 1998 (the 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 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
- The forms of agreement offered by the applicants to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line and station facilities

It is important to note that the existing Priority Project Designation affects the OEB's review of an application for leave to construct an electricity transmission line. In particular, the OEB is required to accept that the construction is needed when it considers the three issues listed above.

The OEB hearing is not the only approval process required before the line is built. The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) is required to approve the Environmental Assessment filed by Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. with the MOECC. The OEB's review will only address the three issues outlined above and will not address other matters, such as, environmental, health, aesthetics or property value impacts.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding these applications and to be involved in the process.

- You can review these applications and further information related to these applications on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can 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 the applicants (interrogatories). To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line or station facilities 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 **October 30, 2017**.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file numbers for this combined case are **EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to read the documents related to this case, please select the File Nos. **EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194** from the list on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The applicants have requested a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **October 30, 2017**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the 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.

The hearing will be held under sections 21(5), 78, 92 and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B).



Ontario

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

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. et Hydro One Networks Inc. ont déposé des requêtes auprès de la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario en vue de, respectivement, construire une ligne de transport à haute tension et de mettre les installations connexes à niveau.

Soyez mieux renseigné.

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. demande à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (CEO) l'autorisation d'élargir le réseau de transport d'électricité dans la région située entre Wawa et Thunder Bay. Cela implique la construction d'une ligne de transmission aérienne d'électricité de 230 kilovolts sur les 450 kilomètres reliant le PT de Wawa avec celui de Lakehead (le Projet de raccordement électrique est-ouest). **Hydro One Networks Inc.** demande à la CEO l'autorisation de moderniser les installations connexes.

Les requérants demandent également à la CEO d'approuver les contrats types qu'ils offrent aux propriétaires fonciers permettant aux requérants d'utiliser leurs terres pour la construction des installations et l'acheminement des lignes proposées. En outre, Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. demande à la CEO d'établir un compte de report pour la comptabilisation des travaux de construction en cours.

En 2013, la CEO a nommé Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. comme émetteur d'électricité responsable des travaux d'aménagement pour le Projet de raccordement électrique est-ouest. Suite à cela, le ministre de l'Énergie a informé la CEO que le lieutenant-gouverneur en conseil avait, le 4 mars 2016, rendu une ordonnance déclarant que le Projet de raccordement électrique est-ouest était nécessaire et qu'il était prioritaire (désigné projet prioritaire). Des documents importants liés à l'examen de ces demandes par la CEO, y compris le processus de désignation et la correspondance ultérieure du ministre, se trouvent sur le site Web de la CEO : <https://www.oeb.ca/industry/applications-oeb/priority-leave-construct/east-west-tie-leave-construct>.

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. et Hydro One Networks Inc. ont déposé des demandes distinctes auprès de la CEO. La CEO traitera ces demandes ensemble.

Une carte de l'itinéraire proposé pour la ligne de transmission est fournie ci-dessous.



LA CEO TIENDRA UNE AUDIENCE PUBLIQUE

La CEO tiendra une audience publique pour examiner les requêtes déposées par Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. et Hydro One Networks Inc. Au cours de cette audience, la CEO examinera les preuves et les arguments avancés par les requérants ainsi que ceux avancés par les particuliers, les municipalités et d'autres parties, dont les intérêts seraient touchés.

L'audience de la CEO examinera des questions spécifiques déterminées par la Loi. La *Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario* (la Loi) précise les enjeux dont doit tenir compte la CEO en rendant sa décision. Si vous souhaitez participer à l'audience de la CEO, il est important que vous compreniez bien ces enjeux.

Comme l'exige la Loi, la CEO se penchera sur trois enjeux :

- L'intérêt des consommateurs en ce qui concerne les prix, la fiabilité et la qualité du service d'électricité
- La promotion de l'utilisation des énergies renouvelables d'une manière conforme aux politiques du gouvernement de l'Ontario
- Les contrats types proposés par les requérants aux propriétaires fonciers touchés

par le parcours de la ligne de transmission ou par l'emplacement des installations connexes.

Il est important de remarquer que la désignation actuelle de projet prioritaire modifie l'examen par la CEO d'une requête de construire une ligne de transport à haute tension. En particulier, la Commission est tenue d'accepter que la construction de cette ligne est nécessaire lorsqu'elle se penche sur les trois enjeux ci-dessus.

L'audience de la CEO ne représente pas le seul processus d'approbation en ce qui concerne la construction de cette ligne de transport. Le ministère de l'Environnement et de l'Action en matière de changement climatique (MEACC) est tenu d'approuver l'évaluation environnementale déposée par Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. auprès du MEACC. L'examen de la CEO ne portera que sur les trois enjeux susmentionnés et il n'abordera pas les autres enjeux comme, par exemple, les répercussions sur l'environnement, la santé, l'esthétisme et la valeur des propriétés.

La CEO est un organisme public indépendant et impartial. Elle rend des décisions qui servent l'intérêt public. Son but est de promouvoir un secteur d'énergie viable et rentable financièrement qui vous offre des services énergétiques fiables à un coût raisonnable.

SOYEZ RENSEIGNÉ ET DONNEZ VOTRE OPINION

Vous avez le droit de recevoir des renseignements concernant ces requêtes et de participer au processus.

- Vous pouvez dès maintenant consulter ces requêtes ainsi que des informations complémentaires ayant trait à celles-ci sur le site de la CEO
- Vous pouvez présenter une lettre de commentaires qui sera examinée durant l'audience
- Vous pouvez demander à la CEO la permission de participer activement à l'audience (à titre d'intervenant). Les intervenants peuvent fournir des preuves, défendre leurs positions et soumettre des questions pertinentes auxquelles les requérants devront répondre (des interrogatoires). Pour devenir intervenant, un parti doit être affecté par la ligne de transmission ou par les installations connexes d'une manière qui est liée directement aux enjeux examinés par la CEO. Si vous souhaitez participer à titre d'intervenant, la CEO doit recevoir votre demande d'ici le **30 octobre 2017**.
- Vous pourrez passer en revue la décision rendue par la CEO et ses justifications sur notre site Web, à la fin du processus

SOYEZ MIEUX RENSEIGNÉ

Notre numéro de dossier combiné est **EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194**. Pour en savoir plus sur cette audience ou sur les démarches à suivre pour présenter des lettres ou pour devenir un intervenant, ou encore pour accéder aux documents concernant ces dossiers, sélectionnez le numéro de dossier **EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194** dans la liste du site Web de la CEO : www.oeb.ca/notice. Vous pouvez également poser vos questions par téléphone à notre centre de relations aux consommateurs au 1 877 632 2727.

AUDIENCES ÉCRITES OU ORALES

Il existe deux types d'audiences à la CEO : l'audience écrite et l'audience orale. Les requérants ont déposé une requête d'audience écrite. La CEO étudie actuellement cette requête. Si vous pensez qu'une audience orale doit avoir lieu, vous pouvez écrire à la CEO pour en expliquer les raisons, au plus tard le **30 octobre 2017**.

CONFIDENTIALITÉ

Si vous présentez une lettre avec vos commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de votre lettre seront versés au dossier public et publiés sur le site Web de la CEO. Toutefois, votre numéro de téléphone, votre adresse personnelle et votre adresse courriel seront tenus confidentiels. Si vous êtes une entreprise, tous vos renseignements seront accessibles au public. Si vous faites une requête de statut d'intervenant, tous vos renseignements seront du domaine public.

Cette audience sera tenue en vertu de l'article 21(5), 78, 92 et 97 de la Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario, L.O. 1998, chap. 15 (annexe B).



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

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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 Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B) for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct a new double circuit 230 kV electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa;

APPLICATION

1. The Applicant, Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. operating as NextBridge Infrastructure (“UCT” or “NextBridge”), is a New Brunswick corporation established for the purposes of developing, owning, and operating transmission facilities in Ontario in its capacity as the general partner, acting for and on behalf of the limited partnership, NextBridge Infrastructure LP.
2. On August 7, 2013, NextBridge was designated as the electricity transmitter to undertake development work for a new electricity transmission line running between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario (EB-2011-0140).
3. NextBridge hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB” or the “Board”) for leave to construct approximately 450 kilometres (“km”) of new double circuit 230 kilovolt (“kV”) overhead electricity transmission line on a new right of way (“ROW”) between Thunder Bay and Wawa in northwestern Ontario (“New EWT Line”, “Line Project” or “East-West Tie Line Project”), as further described herein (the “Application”).

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4. The proposed project is located within the Thunder Bay and Algoma Districts along the north shore of Lake Superior. The proposed project begins outside the Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") Lakehead Transformer Station ("TS"), crosses or travels close by the municipalities/townships of Thunder Bay, Shuniah, Dorion, Red Rock, Nipigon, Schreiber, Terrace Bay, and Marathon, and the Pays Plat First Nation Reserve, to the Marathon TS located in Marathon. From there, the proposed project crosses areas within the boundaries of the Town of Marathon, Township of White River, Municipality of Wawa, and Michipicoten First Nation Reserve before terminating outside of Wawa TS.
5. A map showing the general location of the New EWT Line is found in Exhibit B, Tab 3, Schedule 1, Attachment 1.
6. The New EWT Line parallels existing transmission infrastructure along the majority of the route. No cross circuit interference is anticipated. Further location information and details are provided at Exhibit C.
7. The purpose of the Line Project is to increase transfer capability to maintain a reliable and cost-effective supply of electricity to northwest Ontario for the long term.
8. Effective March 4, 2016, the Lieutenant Governor in Council made an order declaring that the construction of the New EWT Line is needed as a priority project. A copy of the Order in Council ("OIC") is included in Exhibit B, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Attachment 1.

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9. The proposed in-service date of the New EWT Line is December 2020, with construction scheduled to commence no later than Q4 2018. A high-level project schedule is available as Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1.
10. As a network asset, New EWT Line costs will be recovered through the Ontario Uniform Transmission Rate. Project cost estimates are summarized in Exhibit B, Tab 9, Schedule 1. Estimated potential rate impact information can be found in Exhibit B, Tab 12, Schedule 1. A separate application is planned for approval of the revenue requirement prior to the in-service date.
11. The Terms of Reference ("ToR") for the Individual Environmental Assessment ("EA") being prepared in relation to the New EWT Line, pursuant to the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, 1990 ("EA Act"), were approved on August 28, 2014. A draft EA was submitted on December 19, 2016 for Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change ("MOECC") and public review and comment. The final EA was submitted to MOECC on July 5, 2017 and will be available for public review and comment on July 25, 2017. As EA approval is not anticipated to be received prior to the Board making its determination on the Application, NextBridge requests that the Board grant leave to construct approval conditional on EA approval.
12. NextBridge has consulted stakeholders to identify potential concerns related to the New EWT Line. The stakeholder consultation activities undertaken in relation to the project are described in Exhibit E, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1 and Exhibit I, Tab 1, Schedule 1.
13. NextBridge received a final System Impact Assessment ("SIA") report from the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") in the Fall of 2014 and a final

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addendum to the SIA report in December, 2016. These materials are available at Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachments 1 and 2. The IESO issued a Notification of Conditional Approval for Connection in December 2016, which is available at Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 3.

14. NextBridge received a final Customer Impact Assessment (“CIA”) Report from Hydro One dated October 29, 2014 and an updated CIA dated December 22, 2016. These materials are available at Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachments 1 and 2.
15. Construction of the New EWT Line is in the public interest in that the project is consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario and will not adversely impact the interests of transmission consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service. The New EWT Line will improve quality and reliability of service for consumers. Further information related to how construction of the New EWT Line is in the public interest is available at Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 1.
16. NextBridge requests the Board issue:
 - a. Pursuant to Section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c-15 (Schedule B) (the “OEB Act”), an Order granting leave to construct the New EWT Line as described herein;
 - b. Pursuant to section 97 of the OEB Act, an Order approving the forms of land agreements;

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- c. Pursuant to section 78 of the OEB Act, an Order establishing a Construction Work in Progress ("CWIP") deferral account and declaring the final balance of the Development Cost Deferral Account ("DCDA") as the opening balance of such CWIP account; and
- d. Such other relief as this Board determines is reasonable.
17. NextBridge requests that copies of all documents filed with or issued by the Board in connection with this application be served on it and on its Counsel, as follows:
- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| The Applicant: | NextBridge Infrastructure
c/o Regulatory Affairs
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18. Additional written evidence, as required, may be filed in support of this Application, which may be amended from time to time prior to the Board's final decision.

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19. NextBridge requests that the Board proceed by way of written hearing in English, pursuant to Section 32.01 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.
NextBridge requests a decision on this Application in the first quarter of 2018 in order to meet the in-service date of December 2020.

Dated at Toronto, Ontario, this 31st day of July, 2017.

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. on
behalf of NextBridge Infrastructure LP

Krista Hughes

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Project Schedule

Activity	Target Date
Submit Section 92 Application to OEB	Q3 2017
Begin Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments	Q2 2017
Begin environmental field work for environmental permitting activity	Q2 2017
Submit Environmental Assessment to MOECC	Q3 2017
Projected Decision and Order for Section 92	Q1 2018
Obtain Environmental Assessment approval	Q2 2018
Obtaining majority of environmental permits for construction	Q3 2018
Begin follow up Geotechnical Investigations	Q4 2018
Construction Start	Q4 2018
Property Rights Acquisition Completed	Q2 2019
In Service Date	Q4 2020

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In the matter of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*;

And in the matter of an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. pursuant to s. 92 of the Act for an Order or Orders granting leave to upgrade existing transmission station facilities in the Districts of Thunder Bay and Algoma.

And in the matter of an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. pursuant to s. 97 of the Act for an Order granting approval of the forms of the agreement offered or to be offered to affected landowners

APPLICATION

The Applicant is Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One"), a subsidiary of Hydro One Inc. The Applicant is an Ontario corporation with its head office in the City of Toronto. Hydro One carries on the business, among other things, of owning and operating transmission facilities within Ontario.

In 2012, the Ontario Energy Board ("the Board") initiated a proceeding to designate an electricity transmitter to undertake the development work for the new East-West Tie Line. In August 2013, Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. [operating as NextBridge Infrastructure ("NextBridge")] was chosen as the proponent to develop the new transmission line. The Ministry of Energy issued an Order in Council (see **Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1**) in March 2016 declaring that the East-West Tie Project, with an in-service date of 2020, is needed as a priority project.

NextBridge has filed an application (EB-2017-0182) pursuant to s. 92 of the Act, to construct the new East-West Tie Line. Hydro One is now filing this Application pursuant

1 to s. 92 of the Act to perform the necessary station work to connect the new East-West
2 Tie Line, as Hydro One needs to upgrade its existing transmission station facilities at
3 Wawa TS, Marathon TS and Lakehead TS. NextBridge, the IESO and Hydro One have
4 worked together to design a transmission solution to meet the transmission needs in
5 northwestern Ontario by 2020, and both the NextBridge application and Hydro One's
6 Application are supported by the IESO.

7
8 Over time, different publications and materials have used various terms to refer to
9 components required to bring the proposed new East-West Tie Transmission Project
10 into service. For the purposes of this Application and for the ease of the reader, except
11 where otherwise defined, the term "EWT Line Project" (or "New EWT Line" or "East-
12 West Tie Line Project") will hereinafter be used to mean the transmission line consisting
13 of conductors, insulators, structures and wires, running from Lakehead Transformer
14 Station (TS) to Marathon TS and from Marathon TS to Wawa TS, as further defined in
15 EB-2017-0182. The term "EWT Station Project" (or "East-West Tie Station Project" or
16 "East-West Tie Station") will refer to the connection of the New EWT Line to the stations
17 and any upgrades at the stations, as further defined in this Application. The terms
18 "East-West Tie Project" (or "East-West Tie Expansion" or "New EWT" or "East West Tie")
19 will be used in the evidence to refer to both the EWT Line Project and the EWT Station
20 Project.

21
22 This Application is also for approval of the forms of the agreement offered or to be
23 offered to affected landowners, pursuant to s. 97 of the Act.

24
25 The proposed EWT Station Project is required to incorporate the New EWT Line Project
26 with sufficient transfer capability to meet the growing electricity demand in Northwest
27 Ontario, while meeting the performance requirements of the TPL-001-4 standard of
28 NERC (in particular, respecting double-circuit and breaker-failure contingencies) and the

1 Ontario Resource and Transmission Assessment Criteria (“ORTAC”) of the IESO. See
2 **Exhibit B, Tab 3, Schedules 1 and 2** for more information on the need for this project.

3
4 The proposed in-service date of the EWT Station Project is November, 2020 assuming a
5 construction commencement date of May, 2018. A project schedule is provided at
6 **Exhibit B, Tab 11, Schedule 1.**

7
8 The proposed EWT Station Project work includes:

- 9 • Installing new facilities at each of the three terminal stations, Wawa TS,
10 Marathon TS, and Lakehead TS, for connecting the new 230 kV circuits of the
11 EWT Line Project;
- 12 • Reconfiguring the existing facilities at Wawa TS and Marathon TS and installing
13 new facilities at the three terminal stations to enable 450 MW east-west power
14 transfer (in the interim period) while respecting the NERC and ORTAC criteria
15 and bringing the station layouts in compliance with the ORTAC guidelines;
- 16 • Installing additional reactive compensation at Lakehead TS to mitigate the
17 existing high voltage issue.

18
19 New land rights will be required for the station expansion at Marathon TS and Wawa TS.
20 A fee simple purchase of additional lands adjacent to the current properties is required
21 to accommodate the necessary station upgrades. No additional property rights are
22 required at Hydro One’s current Lakehead TS station property. Temporary construction
23 rights for access or staging areas may be required at various locations for the duration
24 of the construction period of the EWT Station Project. Further information on land
25 related matter is found at **Exhibit E, Tab 1, Schedule 1.**

26
27 The IESO has provided a Final System Impact Assessment (“SIA”) Report for Hydro One’s
28 proposed modifications to the three terminal transformer stations. The SIA concludes

1 that the Project is expected to have no material adverse impact on the reliability of the
2 integrated power system and that the project is adequate for the targeted westward
3 transfer level of 450 MW across the East-West Tie. A copy of the SIA, including the
4 addendum, is provided as **Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachments 1 and 2.**

5
6 Hydro One has completed a Customer Impact Assessment (“CIA”) for the East-West Tie
7 Project in accordance with Hydro One’s connection procedures. The results confirm
8 that the East-West Tie Project has relatively small impact on short-circuit levels in the
9 area, has no adverse impact on voltage performance in the area and will improve power
10 supply reliability in the area. A copy of the CIA is provided as **Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule**
11 **1, Attachment 1.**

12
13 The total cost of the EWT Station Project is approximately \$157.3 million. The details
14 pertaining to these costs are provided at **Exhibit B, Tab 7, Schedule 1.** Project
15 economics, as filed in **Exhibit B, Tab 9, Schedule 1,** estimate that the EWT Station
16 Project will result in a maximum \$.09/kW/month increase in the line network pool rate
17 and a slight increase (0.05%) on the overall average Ontario consumer’s electricity bill.

18
19 This Application is supported by written evidence which includes details of the
20 Applicant’s proposal for the transmission station work. The written evidence is prefiled
21 and may be amended from time to time prior to the Board’s final decision on this
22 Application.

23
24 Given the information provided in the prefiled evidence, Hydro One submits that the
25 Project is in the public interest. The East-West Tie Project is a Government of Ontario
26 priority project to support expansion of transmission infrastructure in northwestern
27 Ontario. The EWT Station Project is required to connect the proposed EWT Line Project
28 to Ontario’s electricity network.

Hydro One is requesting a written hearing, in English for this proceeding. Hydro One requests that a decision on this Application is provided in the first quarter of 2018 to meet the Ministry of Energy's requested in-service date of December 2020.

Hydro One requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board be served on the Applicant and the Applicant's counsel, as follows:

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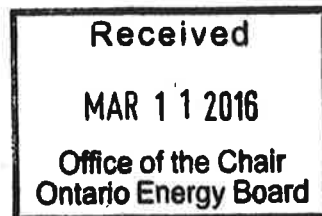
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Ms Rosemarie LeClair
Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Ontario Energy Board
PO Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms LeClair:

The East-West Tie, identified as a priority project in the 2013 Long-Term Energy Plan, is a cornerstone of this government's policy to support expansion of transmission infrastructure in northwestern Ontario. The East-West Tie continues to be the Independent Electricity System Operator's recommended alternative to maintain a reliable and cost-effective supply of electricity to northwestern Ontario for the long term.

Under the authority of section 96.1(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, ("the Act") the Lieutenant Governor in Council made an order declaring that the construction of the East-West Tie transmission line is needed as a priority project. The Order in Council took effect on March 4, 2016 and is attached to this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Chiarelli".

Bob Chiarelli
Minister



Ontario
Executive Council
Conseil des ministres

Order in Council Décret

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council, orders that:

Sur la recommandation du soussigné, le lieutenant-gouverneur, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Conseil des ministres, décrète ce qui suit:

WHEREAS Ontario considers it necessary to expand Ontario's transmission system in order to maintain a reliable and cost-effective supply of electricity in the Province's Northwest, increase operational flexibility, reduce congestion payments and remove a barrier to resource development in the region;

AND WHEREAS Ontario considers the expansion or reinforcement of the electricity transmission network in the area between Wawa and Thunder Bay composed of the high-voltage circuits connecting Wawa TS with Lakehead TS (the "East-West Tie Line Project"), with an in service date of 2020, to be a priority;

AND WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make an order under section 96.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") declaring that the construction, expansion or reinforcement of an electricity transmission line specified in the order is needed as a priority project;

AND WHEREAS an order under section 96.1 of the Act requires the Ontario Energy Board, in considering an application under section 92 of the Act in respect of the electricity transmission line specified in the order, to accept that the construction, expansion or reinforcement is needed when forming its opinion under section 96 of the Act;

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby declared pursuant to section 96.1 of the Act that the construction of the East-West Tie Line Project is needed as a priority project, and that the present order shall take effect on the day that section 96.1 of the Act comes into force.

Recommended: _____

Minister of Energy

Concurred: _____

Chair of Cabinet

Approved and Ordered: _____

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Date

Administrator of the Government

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\$9.00

ONH 13%
Coverage \$100.00

1@ \$0.00

\$0.00

ONH 13%
Ltr other

1@ \$2.95

\$2.95

Actual Weight 0.120kg

ONH 13%
Registered

1@ \$9.00

\$9.00

ONH 13%
Coverage \$100.00

1@ \$0.00

\$0.00

SUBTL

\$95.60

GST

\$0.60

HST

\$10.87

TOTAL

\$107.07

Visa

\$107.07

Card Number

CHG. DUE

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RND. CHG.

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