



EB-2017-0364

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 *OEB Act* for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct new transmission facilities ("Lake Superior Link") in northwestern Ontario;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. pursuant to s. 97 of the *OEB Act* for an Order granting approval of the forms of the agreement offered or to be offered to affected landowners.

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
HEARING OF MOTION**

May 18, 2018

On February 15, 2018, Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) an application for leave to construct a 230 kV transmission line running between Wawa and Thunder Bay, which it refers to as the Lake Superior Link.

On February 27, 2018, Upper Canada Transmission Inc., operating as NextBridge Infrastructure (NextBridge), filed a motion (Motion) with the OEB asking that Hydro One's Lake Superior Link application be dismissed, or in the alternative, not be processed because it is not complete or compliant with OEB Filing Requirements. NextBridge currently has a competing application for leave to construct a 230 kV transmission line running between Wawa and Thunder Bay, referred to as the East-West Tie line.¹

¹ The OEB assigned File No. EB-2017-0182 to NextBridge's application for the East-West Tie line project. Hydro One has also filed a related application for leave to construct the facilities necessary to upgrade existing transmission stations associated with the East-West Tie line project. That application has been assigned OEB File No. EB-2017-0194.

On April 6, 2018, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing of Motion setting out the process for hearing the Motion and ordered an oral hearing to be held on May 24, 2018 and if necessary, the oral hearing to continue on May 25, 2018.

On May 16 and 17, 2018 a transcribed technical conference on the Motion took place and parties requested a number of undertakings.

Given the breadth of the issues, and in order to ensure that parties have sufficient time to file the undertaking responses and incorporate these responses into their submissions, the oral hearing of submissions on the Motion is being rescheduled to June 4, 2018 and will continue on June 5, 2018, if necessary.

Undertaking responses from the technical conference on the Motion will be due on May 25, 2018.

After hearing the oral submissions, the OEB, may have questions of clarification regarding the submissions and evidence filed. The hearing schedule for June 4 and 5, 2018 will be made available in advance to all parties.

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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The oral hearing of submissions on the Motion will begin on **June 4, 2018** at 9:30 a.m. in the OEB's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto. The oral hearing will continue on **June 5, 2018**, if necessary.
2. Intervenors who wish to submit their legal argument in writing rather than orally, must do so **by 9:30 a.m. on June 4, 2018**.
3. Undertaking responses from the technical conference on the Motion shall be filed with the OEB and be delivered to all other parties by **May 25, 2018**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number **EB-2017-0364**, be made in searchable /unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://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.oeb.ca/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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