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



EB-2017-0182 EB-2017-0194 EB-2017-0364

Upper Canada Transmission Inc. (on behalf of NextBridge Infrastructure) Application for leave to construct an electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario

- and -

Hydro One Networks Inc. Application to upgrade existing transmission station facilities in the Districts of Thunder Bay and Algoma, Ontario

-and-

Hydro One Networks Inc. Application for leave to construct an electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 9 on COMBINED HEARING

March 1, 2019

This Procedural Order addresses two requests for an extension of date to file intervenor cost claims in a combined proceeding for three applications. The first application, filed by Upper Canada Transmission Inc. (NextBridge), sought an order granting leave to construct a new electricity transmission line between Wawa and Thunder Bay.¹

The other two applications, both filed by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), sought an order granting leave to construct (i) a transmission line between the same two points as the NextBridge application; and (ii) the facilities necessary to upgrade existing transmission stations associated with the new transmission line.²

¹ The NextBridge-EWT Application has been assigned OEB File No. EB-2017-0182.

² The Hydro One-Station Upgrades Application has been assigned OEB File No. EB-2017-0194.

On February 11, 2019, the OEB issued a Decision and Order in relation to the three applications that, among other things, scheduled a cost claim process. Intervenors eligible to apply for a cost award were to file a cost claim by February 25, 2019.

On February 26, 2019, counsel for each of Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways and Long Lake # 58 First Nation, by way of emails, requested that the OEB grant an extension to March 8, 2019 to file their client's respective cost claims. The counsel for Long Lake # 58 First Nation asked for an extension because the extreme weather conditions in Northern Ontario prevented their clients from reviewing submissions. The counsel for the Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways asked for an extension to attend their client's offices in Sault Ste Marie and prepare the forms.

The OEB approves the requests for extension of filing cost claims to March 8, 2019 and revises the remaining steps in the cost claim process accordingly.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Long Lake # 58 First Nation and Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways shall file with the OEB and serve on Hydro One and NextBridge, their cost claims by March 8, 2019.
- 2. Hydro One and NextBridge may file with the OEB, and serve on the party against whose claim the objection is being made, an objection to the claimed costs by March 18, 2019.
- 3. An intervenor whose cost claim was objected to, may file with the OEB and serve on the objecting party, a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed by March 25, 2019.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file numbers **EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194/EB-2017-0364**, be made in searchable /unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <u>https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u>. 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 <u>http://www.oeb.ca/Industry</u>. 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 USB Flash drive in PDF format, along with two 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 <u>Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at <u>Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, March 1, 2019

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