

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

## Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to upgrade two existing transmission lines and two transformer stations, in the Barrie and Innisfil areas.

### Learn more.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is asking the Ontario Energy Board for approval to:

- Replace two 9 kilometre 115 kilovolt single circuit transmission lines that are currently carried on separate towers, with 230 kV double circuit lines, carried on a single tower. The transmission lines and circuits connect Hydro One Networks Inc.'s transformer stations in Barrie and Essa, Ontario. A map of the route of the transmission line is beside
- Install new equipment and replace end-of-life equipment at the Essa Transformer Station
- Upgrade and expand the Barrie Transformer Station
- Extend the period over which InnPower Corporation can pay its share of the project costs, from 5 years to 15 years
- Establish an account to track the collection of project costs from InnPower Corporation and any other future customer

Hydro One Networks Inc. states that the proposed facilities are needed to accommodate load growth in the Barrie and Innisfil areas. The project will also replace end-of-life infrastructure at the transformer stations in Barrie and Essa.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is also asking the OEB to approve the form of agreement it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed facilities.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One Networks Inc.'s requests. During this hearing, which could be a written or oral hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Hydro One Networks Inc. and by others who have registered to participate in the hearing (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* 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 *Ontario Energy Board 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; and
- The form of agreement that Hydro One Networks Inc. offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line and station facilities.

The OEB hearing is not the only approval process required before a line is built. For example, most transmission lines are subject to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' environmental assessment process. The OEB's review will only address the three factors outlined above and will not address other factors, such as, environmental, health, aesthetics or property value impacts.

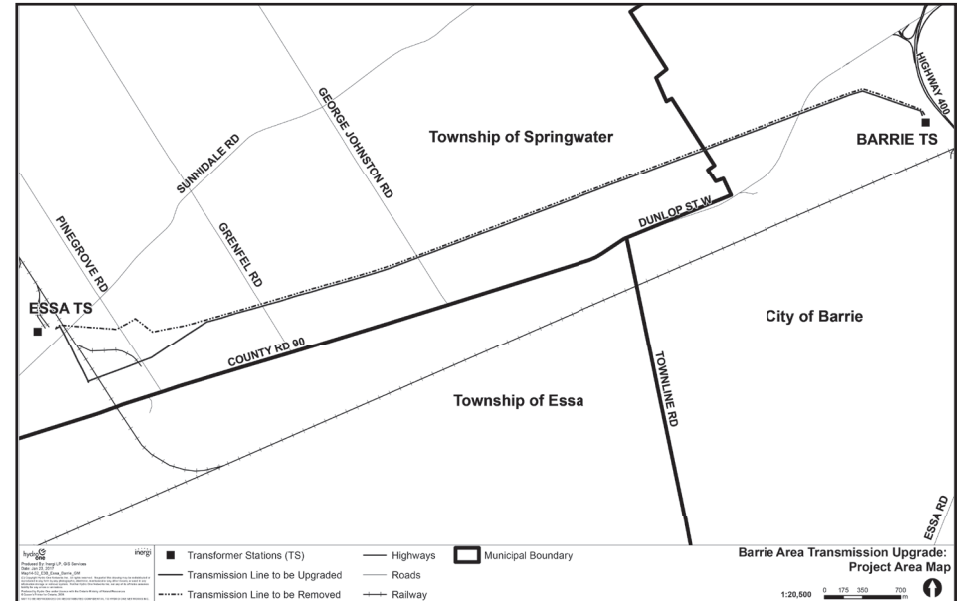
### BE INFORMED

You have the right to information regarding Hydro One Networks Inc.'s application. You can read Hydro One Networks Inc.'s application on the OEB's website (See beside under "Learn More").

### HAVE YOUR SAY

If you would be affected by the proposed transmission line and associated facilities, you may want to take a more active role in the hearing.

- You can send the OEB a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing; or
- 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 questions to be answered by Hydro One Networks Inc. To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the proposed 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 **December 2, 2019**.



### LEARN MORE

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 no. **EB-2018-0117** from the list on the OEB website: [www.oeb.ca/noticeltrc](http://www.oeb.ca/noticeltrc). You can also phone David Martinello (Case Manager) at 1-888-632-6273, extension 142.

### ORAL AND WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine later in the process whether to hold an oral or written hearing in this case. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **December 2, 2019**.

### PRIVACY

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

This application was filed under sections 92 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B*.

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