

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

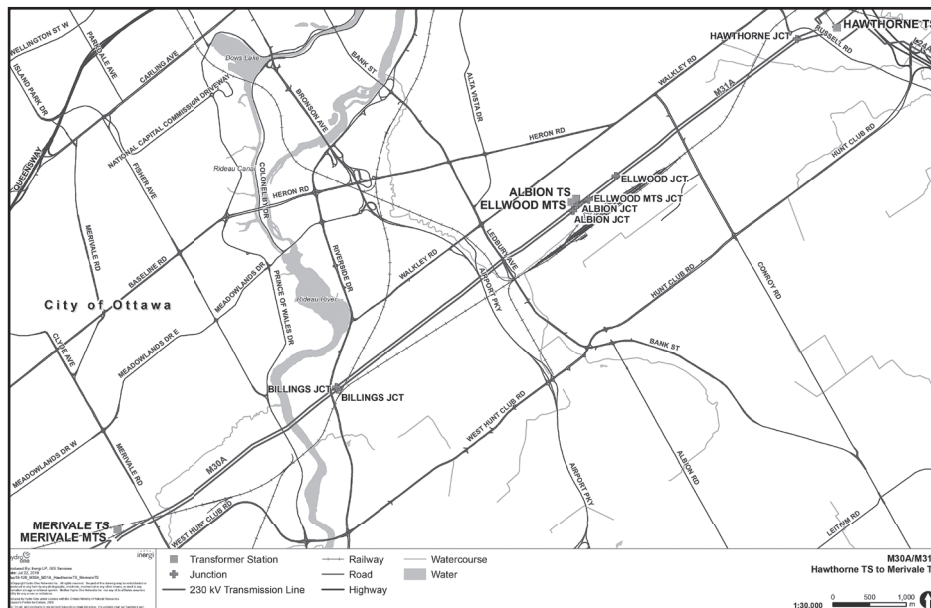
Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to reconductor a high-voltage transmission line.

Learn more.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is asking the Ontario Energy Board for permission to reconductor approximately 11.9 kilometres of single circuit 230 kilovolt transmission lines (known as M30A and M31A circuits) from Hawthorne Transmission Station to Merivale Transmission Station, in the Ottawa area. If the application is approved as filed, Hydro One Networks Inc. will reconductor the M30A and M31A circuits with a dual-bundled (two conductors per phase) circuit configuration. The M30A and M31A circuits currently consist of 3 phases each and with each phase consisting of a single conductor.

Hydro One is also asking the Ontario Energy Board for approval to perform related work at the two transmission stations and to approve the form of agreement it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line.

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



THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD (OEB) WILL HOLD 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 the hearing, which could be a written or oral hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Hydro One Networks Inc. and by participants (individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected) that have registered to participate in the hearing (called intervenors).

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.

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 AND HAVE YOUR SAY

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 now.

If you would be affected by the proposed transmission line, 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 intervenor in the hearing. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Hydro One Networks Inc.'s application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Hydro One Networks Inc.'s request. To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line 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 **January 19, 2021**.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2020-0265**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access the documents related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2020-0265** from the list on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/noticelc. You can also phone Andrew Pietrewicz at 1-888-632-6273 extension 642.

ORAL VS. 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 a written hearing in this case. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **January 19, 2021**.

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, home 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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