



Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for leave to construct: reconductoring of
transmission lines and associated transmission station
work in the Ottawa area.**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

February 11, 2021

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 2, 2020 under sections 92 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), for an order or orders granting leave to reductor existing transmission circuits M30A and M31A between Hawthorne transmission station and Merivale transmission station, and perform related transmission station enabling work. If the application is approved, Hydro One will replace the M30A and M31A circuits with dual-bundled conductor. Hydro One has also applied to the OEB for approval of the form of land use agreements it offers to landowners for the routing and construction of the project.

Through Procedural Order No. 1 issued on February 2, 2021, the OEB granted the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Environmental Defence (ED), and the Ottawa International Airport Authority (OIAA) intervenor status. Procedural Order No. 1 also established that ED is eligible to apply for an award of costs.

By e-mail dated January 27, 2021, Nav Canada (Nav Canada) applied for intervenor status. In Procedural Order No. 1, the OEB indicated that before it could consider Nav Canada's request for intervenor status, additional information about its specific interest in the proceeding was required.

On February 3, 2021, Nav Canada provided the requested additional information. Through a letter dated February 4, 2021, the OEB approved Nav Canada as an intervenor.

ED's Request to File Evidence

In its request for intervenor status, and in a letter dated February 3, 2021, ED indicated that it wishes to file evidence on the cost-effectiveness of Alternative 4 described in the Application. Alternative 4 considered the installation of larger conductor which would

provide a higher thermal rating than Alternative 3, Hydro One's recommended alternative. The larger conductor would result in further line loss reductions compared to Hydro One's recommended alternative.

The OEB denies ED's request to file evidence regarding Hydro One's assessment of project alternatives. In making this determination, the OEB finds that it would be inefficient to delay this proceeding by approximately two months in order to hear further examination of alternatives that can be adequately explored through the interrogatory process.

Interrogatories in this proceeding are due by Friday, February 12, 2021. Hydro One's responses are due by Friday, February 26, 2021. Hydro One is encouraged to provide interrogatory responses specific to the examination of Alternatives 3 and 4 in advance of February 26, 2021, if it is reasonably able to do so.

The OEB is tentatively scheduling a transcribed Technical Conference to be held after Hydro One responds to interrogatories on February 26, 2021 to provide ED, other intervenors, OEB staff and Hydro One the opportunity to clarify interrogatory responses specific to the examination of Alternatives 3 and 4 should any of the intervenors and/or OEB staff consider it necessary. More specifically, the Technical Conference will address the costs and benefits and the associated assumptions and methodologies used to evaluate Alternatives 3 and 4. The information from the Technical Conference should help inform the final submissions of the parties.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **Wednesday March 3, 2021** for a transcribed technical conference that will start at 9:30 a.m. to clarify matters arising from the interrogatories related to Alternatives 3 and 4 only. The technical conference will be a virtual event and details on how to participate will be provided at a later date.
2. All other dates established through Procedural Order No. 1 remain unchanged.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, do not include personal information (as that phrase is

defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2020-0265**, and be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <https://p-pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/PivotalUX/>. 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 <https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to registrar@oeb.ca.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Andrew Bishop at Andrew.Bishop@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **February 11, 2021**

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