



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. 4

February 19, 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.

On February 3, 2021, Environmental Defence, an approved intervenor, advised that it wishes to file evidence regarding Hydro One's assessment of project alternatives. Through Procedural Order No. 2 issued on February 11, 2021, the OEB denied ED's request on the basis that it would be inefficient to delay this proceeding in order to hear further examination of project alternatives that can be adequately explored through the interrogatory process.

On February 12, 2021, ED filed a renewed request to provide evidence in this proceeding with a proposed compressed schedule. Through Procedural Order No. 3 issued on February 12, 2021, the OEB granted ED's request. Accordingly, ED was required to file any evidence regarding Hydro One's assessment of project alternatives by March 9, 2021 and a technical conference that would allow for further exploration of alternatives was scheduled for March 10, 2021.

Hydro One's request to reschedule the technical conference until March 16, 2021

On February 18, 2021, Hydro One filed a letter requesting that the technical conference be rescheduled until March 16, 2021. Hydro One indicated that this additional time is required for the technical conference "to achieve its purpose and be an efficient and effective vehicle for exploring Alternatives #3 and Alternatives #4 and for Hydro One to address ED's evidence."

Hydro One submitted that the requested extension would "assist the OEB to facilitate a constructive further exploration of the application's material on this issue prior to receiving submissions on this leave to construct application."

The OEB finds that the brief extension requested by Hydro One in these circumstances is appropriate. The OEB grants Hydro One's request.

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 date of **Tuesday March 16, 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. Any written submissions from OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **Tuesday March 23, 2021**.
3. Any written reply submissions from Hydro One shall be filed with the OEB and served on intervenors by **Tuesday March 30, 2021**.

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 19, 2021**

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