



**Hydro One Networks Inc.**

**Application for leave to construct: upgrade of high  
voltage electricity transmission line in the townships of  
Iroquois Falls, Black River-Matheson and Kirkland Lake**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1  
October 8, 2021**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 25, 2021, under sections 92 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), for an order granting leave to upgrade approximately 180 kilometres of electricity transmission circuits between the Ansonville Transformer Station and the Kirkland Lake Transformer Station in the townships of Iroquois Falls, Black River-Matheson and Kirkland Lake. 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.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on September 14, 2021. Each of Environmental Defence and Pollution Probe applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Hydro One.

Environmental Defence and Pollution Probe are approved as intervenors. Environmental Defence and Pollution Probe must coordinate participation to avoid duplication on common issues and should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be material.

Environmental Defence and Pollution Probe are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to avoid duplication and that their participation was focused on material issues. Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed. Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

## Interrogatories

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories.

The OEB has established a standard issues list for transmission Leave to Construct applications. The standard issues list is intended to ensure that the OEB's review is focused and aligned with its mandate. The types of issues that the OEB will consider in this hearing are listed in Schedule B to this Procedural Order.

Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

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

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by, **October 15, 2021**.
2. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on intervenors by, **October 29, 2021**.
3. Any written submissions from OEB staff and intervenors, shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by, **November 12, 2021**.
4. Any written reply submissions from Hydro One shall be filed with the OEB and served on intervenors by, **November 26, 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](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2021-0107** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address

- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [Filing Systems page](#) on the OEB's website
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca) for assistance

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by end of business, 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 Pietrewicz at [andrew.pietrewicz@oeb.ca](mailto:andrew.pietrewicz@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at [michael.millar@oeb.ca](mailto:michael.millar@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **October 8, 2021**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Christine E. Long**

*Original Signed By*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar

**SCHEDULE A**  
**LIST OF APPLICANTS AND INTERVENORS**  
**HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**  
**EB-2021-0107**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2021**

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**APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS**

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**SCHEDULE B**  
**STANDARD TRANSMISSION LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT ISSUES LIST**  
**HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**  
**EB-2021-0107**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2021**

**Schedule B:  
Standard Transmission Leave to Construct Issues List**

**1. Prices: Need for the Project**

- 1.1. Has the applicant demonstrated that the project is needed or would be beneficial in the case of discretionary projects? What factor(s) are driving the need – e.g., new customer demand, increased system capacity requirement, reliability, sustainment, system resilience, etc.?
- 1.2. Is the project consistent with any relevant power system plan (e.g., regional plan)?

**2. Prices: Project Alternatives**

- 2.1. Has the applicant demonstrated that the proposed project is the preferred option to address the need, as opposed to implementing a different transmission solution, a distribution solution, a non-wires solution, or some other solution?

**3. Prices: Project Cost**

- 3.1. Has the applicant provided sufficient information to demonstrate that the estimates of the project cost are reasonable? Are comparable projects selected by the applicant (as required by the filing requirements) sufficient and appropriate proxies for the proposed project?
- 3.2. Has the applicant adequately identified and described any risks associated with the proposed project? Is the proposed contingency budget appropriate and consistent with these identified risks?
- 3.3. If the applicant has requested that deferral accounts be established, has the applicant adequately demonstrated that the eligibility criteria of Causation, Materiality, and Prudence have been met?

**4. Prices: Customer Impacts**

- 4.1. Has the applicant correctly determined the need for and the amount of any capital contributions that are required for the project?
- 4.2. Are the projected transmission rate impacts that will result from the project reasonable given the need(s) it satisfies and the benefit(s) it provides?



## **5. Reliability and Quality of Electricity Service**

- 5.1. Has the applicant established that the project will maintain or improve reliability?
- 5.2. Has the applicant provided a final System Impact Assessment (SIA)? Does the final SIA conclude that the project will not have a material adverse impact on the reliability of the integrated power system?
- 5.3. Has the applicant provided a final Customer Impact Assessment (CIA)? Does the final CIA conclude that the project will not have an adverse impact on customers, with respect to reliability and quality of electricity service?

## **6. Route Map and Form of Landowner Agreements**

- 6.1. Are any proposed forms of landowner agreements under section 97 of the OEB Act appropriate and consistent with OEB requirements?
- 6.2. Does the route map provided pursuant to section 94 of the OEB Act show the general location of the proposed project and the municipalities, highways, railways, utility lines and navigable waters through, under, over, upon or across which the proposed project is to pass.

## **7. Conditions of Approval**

- 7.1. The OEB's standard conditions of approval are attached as Attachment 1. If the OEB approves the proposed project, what additional or revised conditions, if any, are appropriate?

**Schedule B, Attachment 1:  
Standard Conditions of Approval  
for Electricity Leave to Construct Applications**

1. Hydro One shall fulfill any requirements of the SIA and the CIA, and shall obtain all necessary approvals, permits, licences, certificates, agreements and rights required to construct, operate and maintain the project.
2. Unless otherwise ordered by the OEB, authorization for leave to construct shall terminate 12 months from the date of the Decision and Order, unless construction has commenced prior to that date.
3. Hydro One shall advise the OEB of any proposed material change in the project, including but not limited to changes in: the proposed route, construction schedule, necessary environmental assessment approvals, and all other approvals, permits, licences, certificates and rights required to construct the project.
4. Hydro One shall submit to the OEB written confirmation of the completion of the project construction. This written confirmation shall be provided within one month of the completion of construction.
5. Hydro One shall designate one of their employees as project manager who will be the point of contact for these conditions, and shall provide the employee's name and contact information to the OEB and to all affected landowners, and shall clearly post the project manager's contact information in a prominent place at the construction site.