

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

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

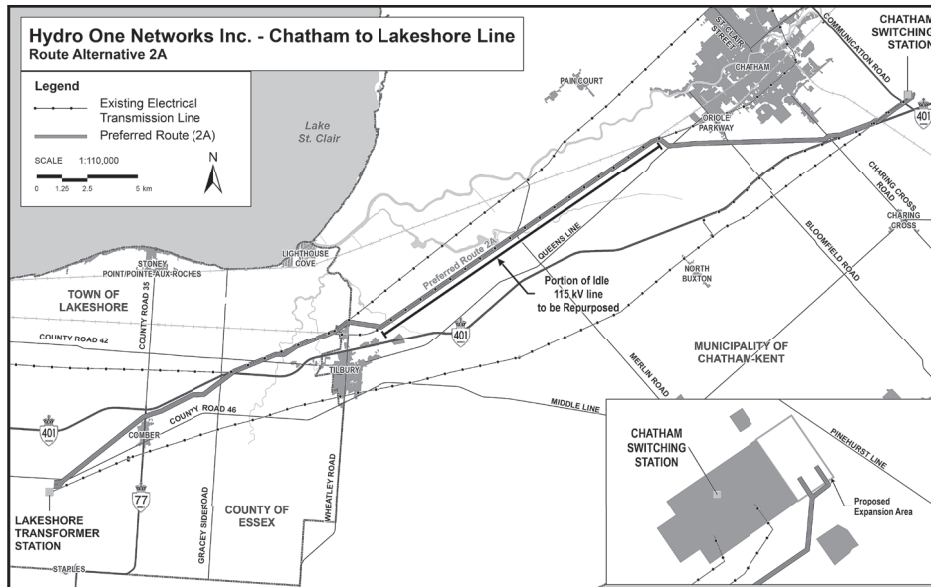
Learn more.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is asking the Ontario Energy Board for permission to construct approximately 49 kilometres of 230 kilovolt double-circuit transmission line between Chatham Switching Station and Lakeshore Transformer Station and associated station facilities to connect the new transmission line at the terminal stations. The work will be completed in the municipalities of Chatham-Kent and Lakeshore and county of Essex.

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

Hydro One Networks Inc. states that the transmission line and associated facilities are required to meet expected electricity demand growth in the Kingsville-Leamington area in southwestern Ontario and that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has declared that the project is needed as a priority project.

The general location of the transmission line is shown in the map.



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

SCOPE OF THE OEB'S HEARING

It is important to note that the OEB's hearing is not the only approval process required before a transmission line is built and that priority project designation affects the OEB's review of the application. In particular and pursuant to section 96(1)(2) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the OEB is required to accept that the project is needed when it considers the issues that are within the OEB's legislative authority.

The scope of the OEB's legislative authority with respect to applications seeking leave to construct electricity transmission lines is set out in sections 92 and 96 of the

Ontario Energy Board Act. When determining whether the proposed project is in the public interest, the *Ontario Energy Board Act* specifies that the OEB shall only consider the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service. As required under section 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, the OEB also considers matters related to the form of agreement that is offered to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line.

More information on the types of issues that the OEB will consider in this hearing are provided on the OEB's website: Issues List - Leave to Construct - Electricity (oeb.ca). Parties to the proceeding are required to limit their participation to areas that fall within the OEB's legislative mandate, as described above. For example, determining need for the project will not be a part of the OEB's review; Further, environmental issues, or issues related to the government's duty to consult indigenous people are not part of the OEB's review, unless there is a direct impact on price and the reliability and quality of electricity service.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding Hydro One's application. You can read Hydro One'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's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Hydro One'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 **June 27, 2022**.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2022-0140**. 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-2022-0140** from the list on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/noticelct. You can also phone Andrew Bishop at 1-888-632-2727 extension 108.

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 **June 27, 2022**.

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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