

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15. Schedule B, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the Application of Hydro One Networks Inc. for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct an electricity transmission line between Chatham Switching Station and Lakeshore Transmission Station.

**INTERROGATORIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT (THE  
“MUNICIPALITY”)**

Pursuant to the Board’s Procedural Order No. 1 dated July 13, 2022, page 4, the Municipality requests the following relevant information and documents in advance of any further steps in this matter:

**3.0-Prices: Project Cost**

**CK-1**

Ref: Exhibit E, Tab 1, Schedule 1, p 3-4 of 6.

Hydro One’s property agents have been meeting with affected property owners since 29 March 2021. The objective of these meetings has been to introduce Hydro One’s land acquisition process. Independent site-specific property appraisals are on-going, and Hydro One is preparing voluntary property settlement offers based on these appraisals and the Company’s Land Acquisition Compensation Principles.

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The change to both of the above Option Agreements is Early Access (Schedule B, 5 clause 8b of the Easement Option; and Schedule B, clause 7b of the Fee Simple Option) while Hydro One’s external conveyancer closes the Option Agreements. Another change to the Option to Purchase a Limited Interest – Easement is the addition of a liability clause (clause 3 of Schedule C). The change to the above Compensation and Incentive Agreements is a market value top-up (clause 1b) to recognize the dynamic real estate market in Ontario.

1. How will the Applicant account, and compensate landowners and impacted communities, for rising land costs in the project area?
2. Without limiting the foregoing, please elaborate on the market value top-up. Please explain any other measures adopted by the Applicant to compensate landowners and impacted communities for rising land costs.

3. Please provide any additional documentation and supporting material underlying the Applicant's accounting for increased land costs, including the market value top-up.

## **5.0-Reliability and Quality of Electricity Service**

### **CK-2**

Ref: Exhibit B, Tab 6, Schedule 1, p 1 of 1.

At the reference above, Hydro One states:

The new transmission line facilities will ensure that load in the Windsor-Essex area can be adequately supplied and avoid the potential for increased congestion in the west of Chatham area. The new line will also improve the reliability and quality of energy supply by providing an additional transmission path for system generation to be delivered to the area west of Chatham as well as preserve the Ontario-Michigan intertie capability.

1. How or does the project improve reliability or quality of service for:
  - a. Commercial customers in Chatham-Kent?
  - b. Residential customers in Chatham-Kent?
2. Please provide any additional documentation, supporting material, and analysis concerning improvement of reliability or quality of service for commercial customers and residential customers.

## **Project Timelines**

### **CK-3**

Ref: Exhibit B, Tab 3, Schedule 1,

At the reference above, Hydro One states:

Hydro One concurs with the IESO's determination that there is a need to increase the long-term transmission capacity to the Windsor-Essex area by winter of 2025/2026.

1. How quickly can the project be completed and what has and can be done by Hydro One to expedite the project?

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