

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

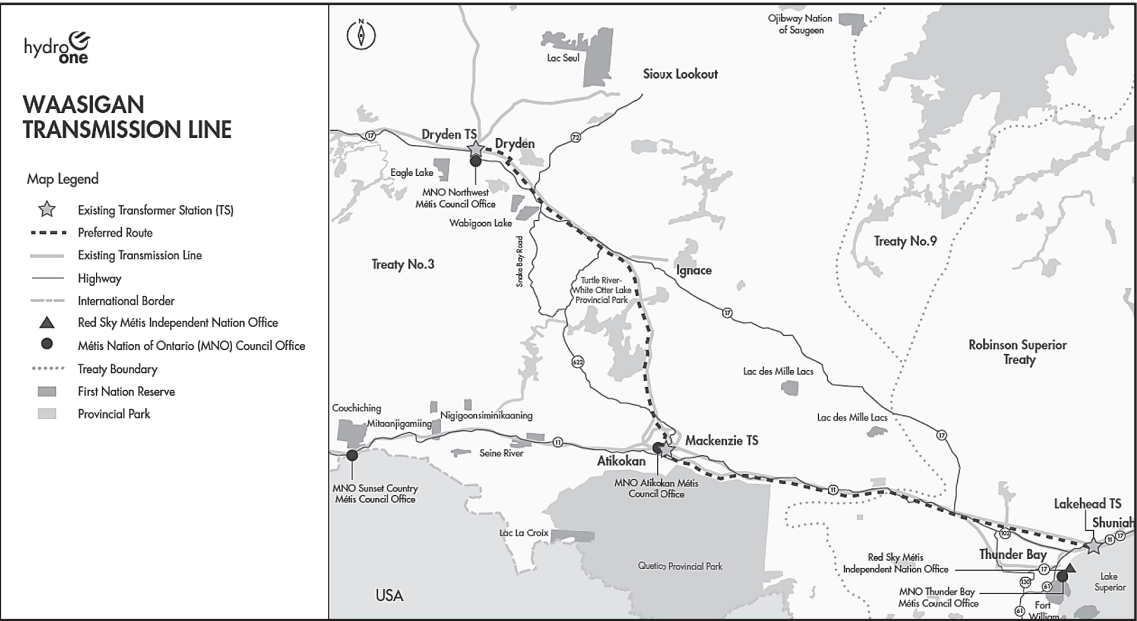
Learn more.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for permission to construct approximately 360 kilometers of 230 kilovolt electricity transmission line and associated facilities between the Lakehead Transformer Station and the Mackenzie Transformer Station, and between the Mackenzie Transformer Station and the Dryden Transformer Station, in the regions of Thunder Bay, Rainy River and Kenora, Ontario.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is also asking the OEB 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 increase long-term transmission capacity in northwest Ontario.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is provided below.



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, 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). At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

SCOPE OF THE OEB’S HEARING

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, 96, and 96.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*. When determining whether the proposed project is in the public interest, the *Ontario Energy Board Act* states 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.

It is important to note that the OEB’s hearing is not the only approval process required before a transmission line is built. Environmental issues, or issues related to the Crown’s duty to consult Indigenous peoples, are not part of the OEB’s review unless there is a direct impact on price and the reliability and quality of electricity service.

More information on the types of issues that the OEB may consider in this hearing are provided on the OEB’s website in the form of a standard issues list: www.oeb.ca/sites/default/files/issues-list-LTC-electricity.pdf.

Parties to the proceeding are required to limit their participation to areas that fall within the OEB’s legislative mandate, as described above.

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 **September 25, 2023**.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2023-0198**. 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-2023-0198** from the list on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/noticeltc. You can also phone Musab Qureshi at 1-888-632-2727.

FORM OF HEARING

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, electronic and written. The OEB will determine the format of the hearing later in the process. If you have a preference with respect to the format of the hearing, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **September 25, 2023**.

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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