



**PUC (Transmission) LP and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP**

**Application for leave to construct transmission lines  
and station facilities and associated approvals in the  
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3  
May 24, 2024**

PUC (Transmission) LP (PUC Transmission) and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP (HOSSM) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 2, 2024, under sections 74, 78, 92 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) for various approvals to build high-voltage transmission facilities in Sault Ste. Marie.

Procedural Order No. 1 was issued on March 28, 2024. Batchewana First Nation (BFN) and Essar Power Canada Limited (EPC) applied for and were granted intervenor status. BFN was also granted cost eligibility.

Procedural Order No. 2 was issued on May 1, 2024, and provided for written interrogatories and responses to interrogatories on each of (a) the application and pre-filed evidence and (b) confidential documents filed by BFN related to its long-term energy plans (BFN Energy Documents). On May 2, 2024, OEB staff and EPC filed interrogatories related to the application. PUC Transmission and HOSSM provided responses on May 16, 2024.

On May 9, 2024, OEB staff, PUC Transmission and EPC submitted interrogatories in relation to the BFN Energy Documents. BFN provided responses to OEB staff's interrogatories on May 9, 2024, and to EPC's interrogatories on May 17, 2024. The OEB understands that OEB staff has been informed by BFN that it is working to provide responses to PUC's interrogatories and will file them as soon as possible.

**Next Steps**

At this time, the OEB is making provision for written submissions.

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. PUC Transmission and HOSSM shall file their argument-in-chief with the OEB and send it to all parties by **June 7, 2024**.
2. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **June 21, 2024**.
3. Any reply submissions by PUC Transmission and HOSSM, shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **July 5, 2024**.

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-2023-0360** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Katherine Wang at [katherine.wang@oeb.ca](mailto:katherine.wang@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at [ljuba.djurdjevic@oeb.ca](mailto:ljuba.djurdjevic@oeb.ca)

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**DATED** at Toronto, **May 24, 2024**

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