
Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2024-0155

Intervenor Name:

[REDACTED]

Mandate and Objectives:

Siskinds LLP has been retained to represent several landowners in the area impacted by the proposed St. Clair Transmission Line Project many of which may be significantly impacted by Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) to construct a 230 kilovolt double-circuit transmission line from the Lambton Transformer Station, connecting to the Wallaceburg Transformer Station and ending at the Chatham Switching Station.

Hydro One is proposing a taking of the land in respect of the property of the vast majority of the landowners.

Please see letter submitted under separate cover by email.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency

Represented:

The intervenor is comprised of property owners in the area impacted by Hydro One Networks Inc. proposed construction of the high-voltage transmission line.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

The majority of the landowner are farmers in the area who utilize the lands for their homes and farming enterprises including cropping and/or livestock purposes.

Governance Structure:

Siskinds LLP has been engaged and retained by the intervenors to represent their interests and act on their behalf. The reporting structure has been confirmed and the intervenors will constantly be updated in terms of this matter.

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Frequent Intervenor Form:

OEB Proceedings:

None within the last 12 months.

Issues:

None at this time.

The goal of our participation / intervention is to review the evidence submitted by HONI and ensure that the proposed Project and if proceeding the resulting expropriation of our Clients' lands is in the public interest, complies with its regulatory obligations and does not exceed the scope of work as set out in the Order-in-Council 876/2022.

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to the proposed Project. Administrative fairness ensure that the principles of natural justice are upheld and maintained and ensure that any decision made that impacts the rights of individuals occur in a fair and unbiased manner.

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Policy Interests:

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HONI bears the onus of ensuring that our Clients and the other intervenors views are appropriately taken into account in making any decision on the proposed Project. Our Clients are significantly impacted by the proposed Project and their interests ought to be properly taken into consideration and heard by the Board.

Hearings:

We believe there is good reason to have an oral hearing to ensure that the landowners concerns are submitted in a detailed manner, cohesively and thoroughly.

The proposed Project is complex with numerous intricacies and several interconnected parts and impacted parties and considerable technical information and details. With that in mind we would propose that proceeding with an oral hearing and oral evidence would be the preferred method as it provides and opportunity to appropriately test the evidence brought forward considering the breadth of our Client's concerns.

In addition, the evidence is complex and technical in nature and an oral hearing allows for the appropriate explanation, assessment, review, and detail of the information and technical evidence being presented. We would suggest that an oral hearing is the appropriate manner of testing the evidence to ensure that the Project is confirmed to be in the public purpose.

Evidence:

We intend to file evidence in the hearing as it relates to the need for the project as balanced with the public interest.

Coordination with Other Intervenor:

We would be pleased to coordinate with any other intervenors to ensure no duplication of efforts.

Cost Awards:

The goal of our intervention is to represent our Clients who are directly impacted by the proposed Project and have both a personal and business interest in the lands required by HONI to facilitate the proposed Project.

The decision of HONI to proceed with an expropriation of lands from our Clients confirms their eligibility for the granting of intervenor status and a costs award. The sole purpose and intent of our participation and intervention in this process is to represent our Clients who have an interest in the land that is impacted by the proposed project.

Language Preference:

English is the preferred language.