

Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for leave to construct a new electricity
transmission line from Lambton Transformer Station,
connecting Wallaceburg Transformer Station and
terminating at Chatham Switching Station in the West of
London area**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

September 23, 2024

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 28, 2024, under sections 92, 96.1 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting leave to construct approximately 64 kilometres of electricity transmission line and associated facilities in the Township of St. Clair, Municipality of Wallaceburg, and the Chatham-Kent areas (Project). The proposed electricity transmission line would extend from Lambton Transformer Station, connecting Wallaceburg Transformer Station and terminating at Chatham Switching Station. This transmission line has been designated as a priority transmission project under section 96.1 of the OEB Act by an [Order in Council 876/2022](#).

Hydro One has also applied to the OEB for approval of the form of land-use agreements it offers to landowners for the routing and construction of the Project.

In Procedural Order No.1, issued on July 31, 2024, and through a [letter](#) issued on August 14, 2024, the OEB approved the following parties as intervenors in the proceeding:

- The Ross Firm Group
- Enbridge Gas Inc (EGI)
- Vector Pipeline Inc. (Vector)
- Siskinds Firm Group
- Kevin Jakubec
- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)

A. Intervenor Evidence

As noted in Procedural Order No.1, the Ross Firm Group and Siskinds Firm Group stated in their respective intervention requests their intention to submit additional evidence. Procedural Order No. 1 directed the Ross Firm Group and the Siskinds Firm to provide a detailed description of any evidence they each intend to submit and the proposed timing for the filing of such evidence by August 7, 2024.

Neither the Ross Firm Group nor Siskinds Firm Group filed any evidence.

B. Confidentiality Request

In its cover letter to interrogatory responses filed on September 4, 2024, Hydro One requested confidential treatment of certain information in its responses to OEB Staff interrogatories 6(a), 10(a), 10(f-h), 11, 12(g), and 12(m). Hydro One stated that the redacted information in the interrogatory responses contains commercially sensitive information about its Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contracts. No party objected to the request. The OEB will review the confidentiality request and issue a separate decision on the request in due course.

C. Next Steps in Proceeding

In the cover letter to its responses to interrogatories filed on September 4, 2024¹, Hydro One requested that the OEB proceed without an argument-in-chief and that OEB staff and intervenors instead file their submissions first. The OEB received no objection from the parties on Hydro One's request. The OEB has determined that it will proceed without an argument-in-chief.

Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB. It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **October 8, 2024**.
2. Any reply submissions by Hydro One, shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **October 23, 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

¹ EB-2024-0155, St. Clair Transmission Line Project – Interrogatory Responses, Cover Letter

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-2024-0155** 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, Muhammad Yunus at Muhammad.Yunus@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at Ljuba.Djurdjevic@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **September 23, 2024**

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Registrar