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As an intervenor in the above-referenced process, and in the interest of the general public, I would like to submit the following questions and comments to Hydro One regarding their proposed draft conditions of approval.

### **Questions regarding the conditions of approval and their fulfillment:**

#### **1. Condition Fulfillment and Delays:**

- o "Hydro One has stated that not all conditions of approval have been fulfilled, particularly those related to land acquisition agreements and expropriation. Could you please elaborate on the specific obstacles preventing the timely fulfillment of these conditions, and what steps Hydro One is taking to address them? What is the expected timeline for satisfying the remaining conditions?"

#### **2. Permit Delays:**

- o "Several permits for Phase 1 of the Waasigan Project are listed as 'partially approved' or 'submitted.' Can Hydro One confirm whether any significant delays in obtaining these approvals could impact the planned construction schedule for Phase 1, and if so, how Hydro One plans to mitigate those risks?"

### **Questions regarding expropriation and land acquisition:**

#### **3. Expropriation for Phase 1:**

- o "In the application, Hydro One has requested expropriation authority for 19 properties. How does Hydro One plan to handle any potential disputes or delays in reaching agreements with landowners, and what measures are in place to ensure that expropriation does not unduly delay the construction schedule?"

#### **4. Voluntary Agreements:**

- o "Hydro One has stated that it has reached voluntary land acquisition agreements with two additional landowners, reducing the number of properties for expropriation. Could Hydro One provide more details on how it is working to expedite agreements with other landowners, and whether there are specific efforts to avoid expropriation altogether for the remaining properties?"

### **Questions regarding project timing and cost impacts:**

#### **5. Impact of Delayed Expropriation Authorization:**

- "Hydro One mentioned that delays in granting expropriation authorization would lead to additional costs and delays. Could you clarify how much the projected costs and timeline would be impacted if the requested expropriation authority is delayed by 30, 60, or 90 days?"

**6. Schedule and Cost Adjustments:**

- "Given that Hydro One is aiming to complete Phase 1 by the end of 2025, can Hydro One provide a more detailed breakdown of the contingency plans in place should delays in obtaining necessary approvals or expropriation authorization push the timeline beyond the expected completion date?"

**Questions regarding confidentiality and transparency:**

**7. Confidentiality of Information:**

- "Hydro One has submitted certain information in confidence due to concerns regarding personal data. Could Hydro One please clarify whether the redacted information could significantly affect the understanding of the project's potential risks or environmental impacts? Additionally, if such an impact exists, how will this information be made accessible to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) or intervenors for review? Furthermore, could Hydro One confirm whether the confidential document filings dated March 5, 2025, represent the complete disclosure of all proceedings related to the aforementioned project?"
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**8. Transparency on Permit Status:**

- "There are multiple permits listed as either 'submitted,' 'partially approved,' or 'planned.' Given the complexity of the project, how does Hydro One ensure that the permitting process is fully transparent, and what steps are taken to ensure that any issues are flagged early enough to avoid schedule disruptions?"

Best Regards  
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