

BY EMAIL

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Dear Colm Boyle:

Re: PUC (Transmission) LP

EB-2023-0360 Leave to Construct Application for PUC Transmission Project and HOSSM Station Project – Post-Hearing Filing

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of your <u>letter</u> dated June 20, 2025, in which PUC (Transmission) LP (PUC Transmission) advised that construction on the PUC Transmission Project had commenced. In this June 20 letter, PUC Transmission also requested the OEB's confirmation that the construction activities listed in its letter

satisfy Condition #2 of the Standard Conditions of Approval included in the OEB's Decision and Order issued for the above noted leave to construct application.¹

The OEB granted leave to construct approval to the PUC Transmission Project and two components of the HOSSM Station Project on August 27, 2024. Condition #2 of the Standard Conditions of Approval states that "unless otherwise ordered by the OEB, authorization for leave to construct shall terminate 12 months from the date of the Decision and Order, unless construction has commenced prior to that date."

The OEB typically does not receive requests from parties that have been granted leave to construct approval to confirm whether certain activities meet Condition 2 of the standard conditions of approval. The OEB requests further information and clarification from PUC Transmission on the following matters:

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¹ EB-2023-0360, Decision and Order, Schedule B, August 27, 2024

- 1. Could PUC Transmission elaborate further on why the request is being made and whether there is a concern that Condition 2 may not be met?
- 2. As part of the standard conditions of approval, PUC Transmission and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP are also required to "advise the OEB of any proposed material change in the project, including but not limited to changes in: the proposed route, construction schedule, necessary environmental assessment approvals, and all other approvals, permits, licences, certificates and rights required to construct the project". Please confirm whether there has been a material change in the project.
- 3. Please advise whether construction related to the HOSSM Station Project has started?

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Katherine Wang at <u>Katherine.Wang@oeb.ca</u> or at 416-440-7619.

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar

c: Monica Caceres, Hydro One Networks Inc., Joint Applicant Counsel