



DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2025-0228

**HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. ON BEHALF OF B2M LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP**

Application for an extension of the exemption granted from section
6.1.3 of the Transmission System Code

EB-2025-0229

**HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. ON BEHALF OF NIAGARA
REINFORCEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

Application for an extension of the exemption granted from section
6.1.3 of the Transmission System Code

EB-2025-0230

**HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. ON BEHALF OF CHATHAM X
LAKESHORE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

Application for an extension of the exemption granted from section
6.1.3 of the Transmission System Code

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson
Vice President,
Consumer Protection & Industry

July 29, 2025

DECISION AND ORDER

INTRODUCTION

This is a combined Decision and Order of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on three applications filed on July 22, 2025, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (OEB Act). The applications were filed by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One),¹ on behalf of B2M Limited Partnership (B2M LP),² Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership (NRLP)³ and Chatham x Lakeshore Limited Partnership (CLLP)⁴ (Applications) seeking an extension of the exemption granted to B2M LP, NRLP and CLLP (Licensees) from section 6.1.3 of the Transmission System Code (TSC) which requires that a licensed transmitter have OEB-approved connection procedures.

The OEB combined these three applications into one proceeding, pursuant to section 21(5) of the OEB Act. This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority without a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act. For the reasons set out below, the OEB grants the request made in the Applications, to extend the exemption granted to the Licensees subject to certain conditions that are further described in this Decision and Order and amends the Licensees' electricity transmission licences accordingly.

BACKGROUND

As a result of an OEB staff review of electricity transmitters' connection procedures, it was identified that the Licensees did not have OEB-approved connection procedures, as required under section 6.1.3 of the TSC. OEB staff requested the Licensees to provide information regarding each Licensees' plans to provide their respective connection procedures. In responding to OEB staff's requests, Hydro One, on behalf of the Licensees, stated that it intends to seek the OEB's approval of its updated TCP and to apply them to affiliates of Hydro One who are licensed electricity transmitters and the Licensees, following the outcome of the OEB's Transmission Connections Review

¹ A licensed electricity transmitter (OEB Electricity Transmission Licence ET-2003-0035).

² A licensed electricity transmitter (OEB Electricity Transmission Licence ET-2013-0078).

³ A licensed electricity transmitter (OEB Electricity Transmission Licence ET-2018-0277).

⁴ A licensed electricity transmitter (OEB Electricity Transmission Licence ET-2024-0147).

(TCR) (EB-2024-0126). Also, Hydro One conveyed its intention to request temporary exemptions, on behalf of the Licensees, from section 6.1.3 of the TSC.

[On October 3, 2024](#),⁵ the OEB approved Hydro One's applications, on behalf of NRLP and B2M LP, for a temporary exemption to NRLP and B2M LP from section 6.1.3 of the TSC. Also, [on November 28, 2024](#),⁶ the OEB approved Hydro One's application, on behalf of CLLP, for a temporary exemption to CLLP from section 6.1.3 of the TSC. The OEB granted this exemption to the Licensees to allow Hydro One to file its updated Transmission Connection Procedures (TCP), including its proposal to apply its TCPs to any Hydro One affiliates that are licensed transmitters and the Licensees, following the conclusion of the TCR.

In order to allow for a reasonable period to complete the filing of the updated TCPs by Hydro One and its review and consideration, the OEB granted an exemption, from section 6.1.3 of the TSC, to each Licensee until the earlier of the date their TCPs have been approved or July 1, 2025. In granting the exemptions, the OEB stated that if the required approval of TCPs should not be completed by that date, the Licensees may seek an extension of the exemption.

THE APPLICATIONS

In the Applications, Hydro One, on behalf of the Licensees, has requested the OEB grant an extension of the section 6.1.3 of the TSC exemption until December 31, 2026 or the date that is three months after the work related to TCR has concluded, whichever comes sooner.

Hydro One has stated in the Applications that it is seeking extension of the exemption as key issues related to transmission connections to be discussed in the TCR, and therefore Hydro One has delayed filing its updated TCP. The Applications note that a longer extension of the exemption, from section 6.1.3 of the TSC, would be reasonable and avoid having to submit additional extensions considering that the TCR is likely continue into 2026.

The Applications note that none of the Licensees has received any requests from prospective customers seeking to connect to their transmission facilities.

⁵ In proceedings EB-2024-0223 and EB-2024-0224.

⁶ In proceeding EB-2024-0336.

DECISION

The OEB grants the extension of the exemption, from section 6.1.3 of the TSC for all three Licensees to allow Hydro One to file its updated TCPs, including its proposal to apply its TCPs to any Hydro One affiliates that are licensed transmitters and the Licensees. The OEB agrees with Hydro One's proposal that it should await the conclusion of the TCR before submitting its updated TCPs.

In order to allow for a reasonable period for the filing of the updated TCPs by Hydro One, following conclusion of the OEB's TCR consultation, and its review and consideration, the OEB grants the extension to the exemption, from section 6.1.3 of the TSC, to each Licensee until the earlier of the date their TCPs have been approved or December 31, 2026.

In granting this extension, the OEB notes that none of the Licensees has received a request from a prospective customer to connect to their transmission system since their transmission assets were placed in service.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Paragraph 1 of Schedule 2, "List of Code Exemptions", of B2M Limited Partnership's Electricity Transmission Licence ET-2013-0078 is amended as below:

"1. The Licensee is exempt from section 6.1.3 of the Transmission System Code as per the Board's Decision and Order in ~~EB-2024-0224~~ EB-2025-0228. This exemption expires on ~~July 1, 2025~~ December 31, 2026 or on the date that the Board approves the Licensee's Transmission Connection Procedures, whichever is earlier."

2. Paragraph 1 of Schedule 2, "List of Code Exemptions", of Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership's Electricity Transmission Licence ET-2018-0277 is amended as below:

"1. The Licensee is exempt from section 6.1.3 of the Transmission System Code as per the Board's Decision and Order in ~~EB-2024-0223~~ EB-2025-0229. This exemption expires on ~~July 1, 2025~~ December 31, 2026 or on the date that the Board approves the Licensee's Transmission Connection Procedures, whichever is earlier."

3. Paragraph 1 of Schedule 2, “List of Code Exemptions”, of Chatham x Lakeshore Limited Partnership’s Electricity Transmission Licence ET-2024-0147 is amended as below:

“1. The Licensee is exempt from section 6.1.3 of the Transmission System Code as per the Board’s Decision and Order in ~~EB-2024-0336~~ EB-2025-0230. This exemption expires on ~~July 1, 2025~~ December 31, 2026 or on the date that the Board approves the Licensee’s Transmission Connection Procedures, whichever is earlier.”

DATED at Toronto July 29, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
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