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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2025-0093

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

**Application for approval to expropriate certain lands in
southwestern Ontario**

BEFORE: David Sword
Presiding Commissioner

Robert Dodds
Commissioner

Anthony Zlatic
Commissioner

November 3, 2025

OVERVIEW

On April 4, 2025, Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 99 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting approval to expropriate certain interests in lands in southwestern Ontario. Hydro One stated that the authorization is needed to facilitate the construction and operation of a new 230-kilovolt double-circuit electricity transmission line (Project). The OEB granted Hydro One leave to construct the Project in an earlier proceeding¹. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is December 2028.

The OEB granted The Siskinds Firm Group intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On September 4, 2025, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received a cost claim from The Siskinds Firm Group.

Hydro One's Objection

On September 19, 2025, Hydro One filed a letter stating that the itemized entries within The Siskinds Firm Group's cost claim that were dated between June 30 to July 1 and August 9 to 27, 2025, appear to pertain to the provision of independent legal advice in the context of property acquisition discussions, rather than to activities directly associated with the OEB process.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

The OEB agrees with Hydro One that what amounts to 4.0 of the total 16.5 hours claimed appears to be for land appraisal activities that were outside the scope of this proceeding. The OEB accordingly has reduced The Siskinds Firm Group's cost claim to \$5,070.88.

¹ [EB-2024-0155 Decision and Order](#)

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One Networks Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- The Siskinds Firm Group \$5,070.88

DATED at Toronto November 3, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar