



BY EMAIL

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Dear Pasquale Catalano:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)
New 500 kV Transmission Line from Bowmanville to the Greater Toronto
Area
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0319**

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter dated December 17, 2025, in which Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) provided information regarding the scope and timing of the new 500 kV double-circuit transmission line from Bowmanville Switching Station to the Greater Toronto Area (Project), as required by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) in its November 25, 2025 Decision and Order.¹

Hydro One provided the following information regarding the Project:

- The Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) 2025 Annual Planning Outlook, published April 2025,² and IESO's Quarterly Bulk Update, published December 12, 2025,³ which provides updates and direction through the IESO's planning process that informs Hydro One's development of the Project.

From this information, regarding the scope and timing of the project, Hydro One highlights the following:

- The IESO's December 2025 Quarterly Bulk Update presentation reaffirmed the need and timing of the Project, with an estimated in-service date of 2032.
- The updated draft recommendation is to terminate the new 500 kV circuits into the two circuits currently supplying Parkway TS from Cherrywood TS, bypassing

¹ EB-2025-0319, Decision and Order, November 25, 2025

² [IESO 2025 Annual Planning Outlook](#), April 2025, p. 53.

³ [IESO Quarterly Bulk Update: South and Central Bulk Studies](#), December 12, 2025, pp. 53-57.

Cherrywood TS, and to extend the new double circuits from Bowmanville to Cherrywood TS along the existing right-of-way.

IESO Recommendations on Scope and Timing

In its November 25, 2025, Decision and Order the OEB required Hydro One to file any recommendations received from the IESO related to the scope and timing of the development of the Project no later than December 23, 2025.

The OEB notes that, based on the information provided by Hydro One, the IESO expects to issue its final report with recommendations for the Project in the second quarter of 2026. Hydro One is expected to provide the OEB with a copy of the report once the report is issued or to notify the OEB of any delays with providing the required information no later than July 15, 2026.

Reporting Requirements for the Project

Section 19.9.1 of Hydro One's licence, as amended on November 25, 2025, requires Hydro One to develop and seek approvals for the Projects. In addition to requiring the amendment of Hydro One's license, the Minister's Directive, dated November 21, 2025, also directed the OEB to require that Hydro One provide such reporting to the OEB as the OEB may consider appropriate with respect to budget, timing and risks in relation to the development of the Project.

This letter sets out the OEB's reporting requirements for the Project. A report shall be provided by Hydro One for the Project until a leave to construct application for the Project is filed.

The first report for this Project should be filed on May 15, 2026, and should cover the period up until April 30, 2026.

Reports should be filed bi-annually as follows:

- May 1 to October 31 for reporting in November
- November 1 to April 30 for reporting in May

These reports are to be filed by the 15th business day of the month following the end of each reporting period.

In the report, Hydro One shall provide an update on the following matters

- *Overall Project Progress*: Executive summary of work progress, cost and schedule status, and any emerging issues/risks and proposed mitigation.
- *Development Cost*: Development costs reported in the prescribed format, including actuals, forecast, and any variances.
- *Development Work Schedule*: Milestones completed and in-progress, reasons for delays, and mitigation steps.

- *Risks and Issues Log*: Assessment of risks and issues with respect to project development, potential impact on schedule, cost or scope, and mitigation options.
- *IESO Recommendations*: Any updates to scope and timing recommendations from the IESO.

Please direct any questions relating to this this letter to Musab Qureshi at Musab.Qureshi@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Attachment: Project Development Cost Reporting Table

Project Development Cost Reporting Table for Use in Bi-annual Reports

All bi-annual reports should include the following table that summarizes budgeted vs. actual expenditures to date, as well as any forecast changes in budget and the revised total budget. Percentage values in the cost table should be used to two decimal places.

Project Development Cost Reporting Table

	Actuals Spent		C	Forecast Budget Variance					Reasons for Change
	A	B		D	E	F	G = F – B	H = G/F *100	
	Spent this Reporting Period (millions)	Total Spent to Date (millions)	Budget per May 15, 2026 Report (millions)	Forecast Budget Change from Last Report (millions)	Forecast Budget Change from Last Report (%)	Revised Total Budget (millions)	Budget Remaining (millions)	Budget Remaining (%)	
Real Estate									
Engineering and Design									
Environmental Approvals									
Indigenous Consultation									
Project Management									
Contingency									
Other Consultation									
Interest and Overhead									
Total									

Notes on the Project Development Cost Reporting Table

- Column 'A' should reflect expenditures since the last reporting period.
- Column 'B' should reflect all expenditures to date for the specific transmission line project.
- Budgeted costs in Column 'C' should be those reported in Hydro One's first bi-annual report and are to be held fixed.