



BY E-MAIL

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LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Pasquale Catalano:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)
M31W Reinforcement Project Application
OEB File Number: EB-2026-0003**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Application for Hydro One's application for an order granting leave to reconstruct a section of an existing 230 kV single-circuit transmission line between Buchanan Transformer Station and Old Victoria Road Junction within the City of London, the M31W Project (Notice).

Hydro One requested that the OEB dispose of this application without a hearing under section 21(4)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act). This section of the OEB Act empowers the OEB to dispose of a proceeding without a hearing if it determines that no person other than the applicant will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding. Pursuant to section 21(4)(a) of the OEB Act, the OEB will canvass for comments on the need for a hearing before making a determination on how to proceed. The deadline for comments is March 10, 2026.

You must comply with the directions in paragraphs 1 to 2 below prior to **March 5, 2026**. If you are unable to comply with the directions within this timeframe, you must inform the Registrar immediately at registrar@oeb.ca.

You are directed:

1. To conduct a search of title forthwith, sufficient to determine the current registered property owners and encumbrancers with lands or interest in the lands directly affected by the proposed M31W Project.
2. No later than the date the Notice is posted on Hydro One's website in accordance with paragraph 3, to arrange for the service of each of the enclosed English and French versions of the Notice, in the exact form accompanying this letter, directly on each of the following. It is acceptable to serve the Notice by e-mail, provided the party has stated its preference for the same.
 - a) All property owners and encumbrancers with lands or interest in lands identified in the search of title referred to in paragraph 1
 - b) All transmission customers of Hydro One impacted by the proposed refurbishment of the transmission line
 - c) All generators impacted by the proposed refurbishment of the transmission line
 - d) All owners and operators of rail lines, telecommunications or other utilities along or crossing the route and location for the M31W Project
 - e) The clerk of the City of London
 - f) The following government ministries and agencies:
 - i. Ministry of Energy
 - ii. Ministry of Infrastructure
 - iii. Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
 - iv. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
 - v. Ministry of Northern Development
 - vi. Ministry of Indigenous Affairs
 - vii. Ministry of Transportation
 - viii. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - ix. Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
 - x. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 - xi. Infrastructure Ontario
 - xii. Electrical Safety Authority
 - xiii. Independent Electricity System Operator
 - xiv. Transport Canada
 - xv. Indigenous Services Canada

3. To make a copy of both the English and French versions of the Notice, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Hydro One's office and in a prominent place on Hydro One's website.
4. To file with the OEB an affidavit proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1 through 3 above immediately thereafter with copies of sent emails, original post office registration receipts, or courier confirmation lists attached as appendices.
5. To provide a copy of the Notice, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

You are further directed not to include any documents or materials when serving the Notice other than documents or materials expressly required by this letter of direction.

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar

Enclosed:

- English and French Notices

c: Monica Caceres, Hydro One Networks Inc.