



**BFN Transmission GP Holding Company Inc., on behalf
of 1000757443 Ontario LP**

**Application for authority to expropriate certain interests in
land**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5
May 5, 2026**

On November 17, 2025, BFN Transmission GP Holding Company Inc., on behalf of 1000757443 Ontario LP, (the Applicant) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 99 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (OEB Act), for an order granting authority to expropriate certain land interests in the form of a permanent easement.

The Applicant states that the expropriation is needed to facilitate the construction of a new 45-kilometer 115 kV transmission line which will extend from a new switching station near the Hydro One Hollingsworth Transmission Station and will terminate at a new sub-station being constructed at the Island Gold Mine located in Finan Township, in the Algoma District (the Project). Grant Lake Forest Resources Ltd. and Josephine Forest Resources Ltd. (Grant Lake) is a landowner and sole intervenor in this proceeding.

In Procedural Order No. 4, issued on April 16, 2026, the OEB made process provisions for Grant Lake to file evidence in the proceeding, and for parties to file written interrogatories related to this evidence. Additionally, Procedural Order No. 4 made provision for written submissions from the Applicant and Grant Lake.

On April 24, 2026, Grant Lake filed a letter to the OEB noting that it would be delayed in filing its evidence in accordance with the timeline set in Procedural Order No. 4 and had discussed this with the Applicant prior to filing the letter with the OEB. Grant Lake stated that the Applicant did not object to Grant Lake delaying the filing of evidence to April 27, 2026. Grant Lake stated that it would accept a concomitant delay in the filing of interrogatories from parties and would strive to maintain the date set in Procedural Order No. 4 for Grant Lake to file its responses to interrogatories.

On April 28, 2026, Grant Lake filed an additional letter stating that Parties have been engaged in discussions to resolve the matters between them and advised that the Applicant supported a further delay to the proceeding to continue these discussions. On

April 29, 2026, the Applicant filed a letter reiterating that the parties are engaged in discussions which could lead to a settlement of the matters between them. In the letter the Applicant proposed a revised schedule for the procedural steps outlined in Procedural Order No. 4.

Procedural Dates

The OEB has determined that the dates set out in Procedural Order No. 4 are to be adjusted to accommodate the Parties' request. The OEB accepts the dates proposed by the Applicant in its April 29, 2026 letter to the OEB.

Abeyance

In accordance with the OEB's [Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines](#), the OEB has placed the application into abeyance as of April 29, 2026. The OEB will resume processing the application on June 1, 2026, when the first step outlined in this Procedural Order occurs.

The dates established in Procedural Order No. 4 are hereby cancelled. It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Grant Lake shall file any evidence relevant to the proceeding that it intends to submit by **June 1, 2026**.
2. OEB staff and the Applicant shall request any relevant information and documentation from Grant Lake that is in addition to the evidence filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **June 15, 2026**.
3. Grant Lake shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all parties by **June 22, 2026**.
4. The Applicant shall file a written argument-in-chief with the OEB and serve it on all intervenors by **July 6, 2026**.
5. Any written submissions by Grant Lake shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **July 20, 2026**.
6. Any reply submissions by the Applicant, shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **July 30, 2026**.

Direction for preparing materials

- Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with Rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).
- Filings should clearly state the filing date and the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Other than for applications or as otherwise required or directed by the OEB, parties are not required to submit a cover letter for materials that are self-evident (e.g., interrogatories, submissions) unless the cover letter includes a request or additional information not included in the materials themselves.
- Parties are strongly encouraged to use bookmarks in their filings to aid in navigation.
- Parties should not append to their evidence entire OEB documents (e.g., decisions, policy documents, guidelines). Rather, parties should provide citations to the documents and a clear and concise summary of the relevant part(s) of the document. Parties are encouraged to use hyperlinks for complete, permanent, and publicly available versions of the documents, when possible.
- Parties should refrain from quoting material from documents unless it is essential to support their interrogatories or arguments.
- Parties are not required to provide a summary of the procedural history of a proceeding but may refer to that history where and to the extent needed for context to orient an issue or discussion.
- Parties must: (a) disclose where generative artificial intelligence was used to generate content included in a filing and (b) confirm that the accuracy of the portion of the filing generated by generative artificial intelligence has been verified by the party or its representative without the assistance of generative artificial intelligence.

How to file documents with the OEB

- Parties are required to quote file number (i.e., **EB-2025-0314**) for all materials filed and submit them in **searchable/unrestricted PDF format** (i.e., no printing or copying restrictions) with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).
- Parties should use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\)](#)

[Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.

- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Parties are encouraged to visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. Parties that are eligible for a cost award and that do not currently have an account in the cost claim portal should create an account as soon as their cost award eligibility has been confirmed by the OEB. All parties shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim for the purposes of service on the party(ies) paying cost awards as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).
- All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by **4:45 p.m.** on the required date.
- With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Muhammad Yunus, at Muhammad.Yunus@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar, at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **May 5, 2026**

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Ritchie Murray
Registrar