



Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for leave to construct a new electricity
transmission line and associated facilities in the City of
Ottawa**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
July 22, 2026**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 29, 2026, under sections 92 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting leave to construct approximately 11 kilometres of electricity transmission line and associated facilities in the City of Ottawa (Project). The proposed electricity transmission line will increase the supply capacity to the Orléans community of eastern Ottawa. Hydro One Networks has also applied to the OEB for approval of the form of land-use agreements it offers to landowners for the routing and construction of the Project.

The application will be heard by commissioners: Robert Dodds (presiding), Damien A. Côté, and Julia McNally.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on June 22, 2026.

Intervention Requests

In its July 14, 2026 intervention request, Mokto Walkley Limited Partnership (Mokto Walkley) applied for cost award eligibility and requested that the OEB conduct the proceeding in whole or in part, by way of an oral hearing. Mokto Walkley submitted that an oral hearing would allow for the questioning of the applicant's witnesses and help ensure that its interests are fully and fairly addressed.

By letter dated July 14, 2026, Hydro One Networks accepted Mokto Walkley's intervention request. Hydro One Networks also submits that the written hearing process provides flexibility for the OEB to include procedural steps for additional discovery if needed, and that oral hearings require considerable time and resources. Hydro One Networks notes that Mokto Walkley has not provided compelling reasons for the OEB to hold an oral proceeding and that its request should be denied.

The OEB approves Mokto Walkley as an intervenor that is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

In accordance with rule 32 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, the OEB will determine at a later date if an oral hearing is required.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Consistent with the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#), parties are reminded that, in determining the amount of a cost award, the OEB will consider (among other things) whether the cost eligible party has demonstrated through its participation and documented in its cost claim that it has made reasonable efforts to: (a) combine its intervention with that of one or more similarly interested parties and to co-operate with all other parties, and (b) ensure that its participation was not unduly repetitive and was focused on relevant and material issues.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

Interrogatories

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories. Parties should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be material. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

Issues List

The OEB has established a standard issues list for transmission Leave to Construct applications. The standard issues list is intended to ensure that the OEB's review is focused and aligned with its mandate. The standard issues list is provided in Schedule B to this Procedural Order

Limits on Interrogatories and Submissions

The OEB may impose a limit on the number of interrogatories (or sub-parts of interrogatories) that may be filed by a party or on the length of a submission. If the OEB imposes limits, details will be provided through future Procedural Orders as may the consequences for failure to adhere to the limits.

The OEB is making provision for the following related to this proceeding.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro One Networks that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **August 13, 2026**.
2. Hydro One Networks shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on intervenors by **August 27, 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-2026-0018**) 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, Harout Manougian, at Harout.Manougian@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **July 22, 2026**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray

Ritchie Murray
Registrar

Schedule A

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Applicant and List of Intervenor

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APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

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Schedule B

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Standard Issues List

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1.0: Prices: Need for the Project

- 1.1:** Has the applicant demonstrated that the project is needed or would be beneficial in the case of discretionary projects? What factor(s) are driving the need – e.g. new customer demand, increased system capacity requirement, reliability, sustainment, system resilience, etc.?
- 1.2:** Is the project consistent with any relevant power system plan (e.g., regional plan)?

2.0: Prices: Project Alternatives

- 2.1:** Has the applicant demonstrated that the proposed project is the preferred option to address the need, as opposed to implementing a different transmission solution, a distribution solution, a non-wires solution, or some other solution?

3.0: Prices: Project Cost

- 3.1:** Has the applicant provided sufficient information to demonstrate that the estimates of the project cost are reasonable? Are comparable projects selected by the applicant (as required by the filing requirements) sufficient and appropriate proxies for the proposed project?
- 3.2:** Has the applicant adequately identified and described any risks associated with the proposed project? Is the proposed contingency budget appropriate and consistent with these identified risks?
- 3.3:** If the applicant has requested that deferral accounts be established, has the applicant adequately demonstrated that the eligibility criteria of Causation, Materiality, and Prudence have been met?

4.0: Prices: Customer Impacts

- 4.1:** Has the applicant correctly determined the need for and the amount of any capital contributions that are required for the project?
- 4.2:** Are the projected transmission rate impacts that will result from the project reasonable given the need(s) it satisfies and the benefit(s) it provides?

5.0: Reliability and Quality of Electricity Service

- 5.1:** Has the applicant established that the project will maintain or improve reliability?
- 5.2:** Has the applicant provided a final System Impact Assessment (SIA)? Does the final SIA conclude that the project will not have a material adverse impact on the reliability of the integrated power system?
- 5.3:** Has the applicant provided a final Customer Impact Assessment (CIA)? Does the final CIA conclude that the project will not have an adverse impact on customers, with respect to reliability and quality of electricity service?

6.0: Economic Growth

- 6.1:** Where the applicant claims that a proposed project will support economic growth in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, has the applicant substantiated this claim?

7.0: Route Map and Form of Landowner Agreements

- 7.1:** Are any proposed forms of landowner agreements under section 97 of the OEB Act appropriate and consistent with OEB requirements?
- 7.2:** Does the route map provided pursuant to section 94 of the OEB Act show the general location of the proposed project and the municipalities, highways, railways, utility lines and navigable waters through, under, over, upon or across which the proposed project is to pass.

8.0: Conditions of Approval

- 8.1:** The OEB's standard conditions of approval are attached as Attachment 1. If the OEB approves the proposed project, what additional or revised conditions, if any, are appropriate?

Schedule B, Attachment 1:

Standard Conditions of Approval for Electricity Leave to Construct Applications

1. [The Applicant] shall fulfill any requirements of the SIA and the CIA, and shall obtain all necessary approvals, permits, licences, certificates, agreements and rights required to construct, operate and maintain the project.
2. Unless otherwise ordered by the OEB, authorization for leave to construct shall terminate 12 months from the date of the Decision and Order, unless construction has commenced prior to that date.
3. [The Applicant] shall advise the OEB of any proposed material change in the project, including but not limited to changes in: the proposed route, construction schedule, necessary environmental assessment approvals, and all other approvals, permits, licences, certificates and rights required to construct the project.
4. [The Applicant] shall submit to the OEB written confirmation of the completion of the project construction. This written confirmation shall be provided within one month of the completion of construction.
5. [The Applicant] shall designate one of their employees as project manager who will be the point of contact for these conditions, and shall provide the employee's name and contact information to the OEB and to all affected landowners, and shall clearly post the project manager's contact information in a prominent place at the construction site.