

**Hydro One Networks Inc.**

**Application for leave to construct a new electricity  
transmission line between Hanmer Transformer Station,  
and Mississagi Transformer Station in northeastern  
Ontario**

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

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 19, 2026, under sections 92 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting leave to construct approximately 205 kilometres of electricity transmission line and associated facilities for the Northeast Power Line Project (NEPL) in the City of Greater Sudbury, District of Sudbury, and District of Algoma. The proposed electricity transmission line would extend between Hanmer Transformer Station and Mississagi Transformer Station. This transmission line has been designated as a priority transmission project under section 96.1 of the OEB Act by an [Order in Council 1531/2023](#).

Hydro One 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 NEPL.

The application will be heard by Commissioners: Allison Duff (presiding), Julia McNally and James Sidlofsky.

**Requests for Intervenor Status and Cost Eligibility**

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on June 12, 2026. The following persons and groups applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility:

- Waasmoowin GP Inc. (WGP)
- Waasmoowin Opportunities and Consultation Council (WOCC)

Hydro One did not object to the requests for intervention or cost eligibility.

WGP and WOCC are approved as intervenors and are eligible for cost awards in respect of matters that are within the scope of this proceeding 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 its intervention request, WGP stated that it is a general partner to Waasmoowin NEPL LP, to which Hydro One has agreed to grant an option to acquire up to a 50% equity interest in the proposed line once it is complete. WGP asserts that its mandate is to advance the economic interests of these First Nations in connection with the NEPL. WGP intends to participate with respect to issues relating to the impact of this proceeding on Waasmoowin NEPL LP's option, and any other matters that promote or otherwise represent the interests of WGP more generally.

WGP is owned by the following eight First Nations whose territories and Aboriginal and treaty rights and interests may be impacted by the NEPL:

- Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
- Batchewana First Nation
- Mississauga First Nation
- Sagamok Anishnawbek
- Serpent River First Nation
- Thessalon First Nation
- Wahnapiatae First Nation
- Whitefish River First Nation

In its intervention request, WOCC stated that it represents the same eight First Nations as WGP. WOCC also stated that its mandate is to protect and advance the interests of those First Nations in connection with the NEPL – in WOCC's case, with respect to the promotion of employment and economic opportunities for their members and businesses, the protection of their Aboriginal and treaty rights, and the environmental and cultural protection of their territories. WOCC also stated that it serves as the primary point of engagement between those First Nations and Hydro One with respect to the NEPL.

Both WGP and WOCC stated that they will coordinate their participation with each other to the extent possible. However, they say this may be limited as each of WGP and WOCC have very different mandates and interests are subject to confidentiality restrictions and conflict walls.

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 considers whether the cost eligible party has demonstrated 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.

### 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 OEB will use the standard issues list but is excluding the standard issues relating to need and the consideration of alternatives (see Schedule B). This is because by an Order in Council (OIC) dated October 19, 2023, the Lieutenant Governor in Council declared the Project as a priority project under section 96.1 of the OEB Act. In accordance with section 96.1(2) of the OEB Act, the OEB accepts that construction of the Project is needed. Further, it is a condition of Hydro One Networks' electricity transmission licence to develop and seek approvals related to the Project and that development of the Project accord with the project scope and timing recommended by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

Issues related to the Environmental Assessment process and the Duty to Consult are not reviewed by the OEB unless they are relevant to the interests of consumers with respect to price, reliability, and quality of service.

### 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.

## 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.

## Hearing Type

Parties have not requested a specific hearing type for the proceeding. The OEB will make its determination on the type of hearing at a later date.

The OEB is making provision for the following related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Intervenors and OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **August 6, 2026**.
2. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all parties by **August 20, 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-2026-0154**) 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](mailto: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](mailto:Muhammad.Yunus@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Faye Kidman at [Faye.Kidman@oeb.ca](mailto:Faye.Kidman@oeb.ca).

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

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Ritchie Murray  
Registrar

**SCHEDULE A  
TO  
PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 1  
EB-2026-0154  
APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS  
JULY 22, 2026**

Hydro One Networks Inc.  
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**APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS**

July 22, 2026

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**SCHEDULE B  
TO  
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ISSUES LIST  
JULY 22, 2026**

**Schedule B:**  
**Issues List**

**1.0: Prices: Project Cost**

- 1.1:** 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?
- 1.2:** 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?
- 1.3:** 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?

**2.0: Prices: Customer Impacts**

- 2.1:** Has the applicant correctly determined the need for and the amount of any capital contributions that are required for the project?
- 2.2:** 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?

**3.0: Reliability and Quality of Electricity Service**

- 3.1:** Has the applicant established that the project will maintain or improve reliability?
- 3.2:** 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?
- 3.3:** 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?

#### **4.0: Economic Growth**

- 4.1:** 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?

#### **5.0: Route Map and Form of Landowner Agreements**

- 5.1:** Are any proposed forms of landowner agreements under section 97 of the OEB Act appropriate and consistent with OEB requirements?
- 5.2:** 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.

#### **6.0: Conditions of Approval**

- 6.1:** 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.