



Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for leave to construct an electricity
transmission line and to expropriate interests in certain
lands in the Municipalities of Welland, Thorold and the
City of Niagara**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4

July 30, 2026

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 18, 2025, under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an order granting leave to construct approximately 18.5 kilometres of electricity transmission line and associated facilities between Abitibi Consolidated Junction and Crowland Transformer Station in the Niagara area (Welland-Thorold Project or the Project). Hydro One also applied to the OEB, pursuant to section 97 of the OEB Act, for approval of the form of land-use agreements offered, or to be offered, to affected landowners.

Hydro One further indicated in its application that if leave to construct is granted, it is also requesting relief under section 99(1) of the OEB Act for an order granting authority to expropriate certain interest in lands. As the authority to expropriate land for work can only be granted to a person who has leave to construct or who is exempt from obtaining leave to construct, this part of Hydro One's application was scoped out of the first phase of this proceeding.

In its Decision and Order dated July 9, 2026, regarding the first phase of this proceeding, the OEB granted Hydro One's application for leave to construct the Project and approved the forms of land use agreements to be offered to affected landowners. The OEB also established a cost award schedule for intervenors to file their cost claims by July 21, 2026; Hydro One to file any objections to cost claims by July 28, 2026; and for any intervenor whose cost claim was objected to by Hydro One, to file a response to the objection by August 4, 2026.

On July 27, 2026, Futecan Canada Inc. (Futecan), filed a letter with the OEB requesting an extension to the cost claim deadline. Futecan explained that the delay resulted from an administrative issue related to the receipt of the OEB's Decision and Order and that Futecan's representative was out of office. By email sent on the same day, Futecan

advised Hydro One that it would be asking for their consent to the extension request and to also suggest that the OEB allow additional time for Hydro One to file any objection to Futeacan's cost claim and an opportunity for Futeacan to file any response to the cost claim objection.¹

Based on the information provided, the OEB approves Futeacan's request and grants an extension to file a cost claim. The remaining dates in the Decision and Order are cancelled. The OEB is providing new dates for Hydro One to file any objections to Futeacan's cost claim and for Futeacan to file any response to Hydro One's objection.

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Futeacan shall file with the OEB, and forward to Hydro One, their cost claim by **July 31, 2026**.
2. Hydro One shall file with the OEB and forward to Futeacan any objections to the claimed costs by **August 5, 2026**.
3. Futeacan shall file with the OEB and forward to Hydro One a response to any objection to the costs claimed from Hydro One by **August 7, 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.

¹ Appendix A to Futeacan letter dated July 27, 2026.

- 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-2025-0290**) 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, Katherine Wang at Katherine.Wang@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Stephanie Pope at Stephanie.Pope@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **July 30, 2026**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Registrar