



Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for leave to construct a new electricity
transmission line between the Longwood Transformer
Station and the Lakeshore Transformer Station in
southwestern Ontario**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

August 7, 2026

In this Procedural Order, and for the reasons discussed below, the OEB is:

- providing direction to Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks) regarding delivery of an updated Notice to affected recipients with a new deadline for requests for intervenor status and comments on the form of hearing;
- placing this proceeding into abeyance until the new deadline for intervention requests as set out below; and
- cancelling the current August 20, 2026 deadline for Hydro One Networks to respond to OEB staff and intervenor interrogatories.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks) 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 117 kilometres of electricity transmission line and associated facilities in Southwestern Ontario. The proposed electricity transmission line will connect the Longwood Transformer Station and the Lakeshore Transformer Station (Project). This transmission line has been designated as a priority project under section 96.1 of the OEB Act by [Order in Council 876/2022](#).

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.

On June 9, 2026, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing (Notice), requesting input on the hearing type and applications for intervenor status to be received by June 29, 2026. Also on June 9, 2026, the OEB issued a Letter of Direction to Hydro One Networks to arrange for the service of the Notice by June 18, 2026 to a list of parties that would be impacted by the Project.

On July 23, 2026, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 (PO #1) in which it granted intervenor status to the various parties identified in Schedule A to PO #1; directed intervenors and OEB staff to file their interrogatories by August 6, 2026; and directed Hydro One Networks to file its written responses to interrogatories by August 20, 2026.

On July 29, 2026, the OEB received a Letter of Comment from John Phillips, indicating that he was an affected landowner but had not yet received the Notice. On August 4, 2026, the OEB received confirmation from Hydro One Networks that approximately 20% of the intended recipients of the Notice had been impacted by delivery delays.

Next Steps

To provide an opportunity for all interested parties to be heard, the OEB is making additional provisions for those parties affected by the delivery delays of the original Notice to apply to be an intervenor and to provide input on the hearing type.

If the addressees who were initially missed receive the original Notice now, they will see that they have missed the deadline for requesting intervenor status. To avoid confusion among those recipients, the OEB is directing Hydro One Networks to deliver an updated Notice to them with a new deadline for requesting intervenor status.

The OEB is placing this proceeding into abeyance until Hydro One Networks addresses the delivery problem it has identified.

PO #1 directed OEB staff and intervenors to file written interrogatories by August 6, 2026, and those interrogatories are on the public record. The OEB will establish deadlines for interrogatories from new intervenors (if any) and Hydro One Networks' responses to all interrogatories after considering any new intervention requests following the circulation of the updated Notice. The OEB is of the view that all parties will benefit from the production of a single set of interrogatory responses.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks shall, prior to **August 14, 2026**, arrange for the service of the enclosed revised English and French notices and this Procedural Order No. 2 to all parties identified in paragraph 2 of the OEB's Letter of Direction dated June 9, 2026 that did not receive the Notice by June 18, 2026.
2. Parties seeking intervenor status shall apply to the OEB by **August 26, 2026**.
3. The proceedings are placed in abeyance from June 29, 2026 to August 26, 2026.

4. Paragraph 2 of the Order in PO #1 for Hydro One Networks to file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all parties by August 20, 2026 is rescinded.

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-2026-0128**) 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 OEB's [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, Faye Kidman at Faye.Kidman@oeb.ca.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

DATED at Toronto, August 7, 2026

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Registrar

Schedule A

Hydro One Networks Inc.

EB-2026-0128

Revised Notice of Hearing

August 7, 2026

Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied for approval to build a high-voltage transmission line in Southwestern Ontario

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks) is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for:

- Permission to construct 117 km of single-circuit 500 kilovolt electricity transmission line from Longwood Transformer Station to Lakeshore Transformer Station in southwestern Ontario in the area west of London.
- Permission to complete associated station facility expansions or upgrades at the terminal stations and minor grounding upgrades at six remote stations required for the connection of the new transmission line.
- Approval of the forms of land use agreements that Hydro One Networks will offer affected landowners.

Hydro One Networks says the project is required to increase long-term supply capability to support electricity demand growth in the Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent regions. The proposed transmission line has been designated as a priority project by the provincial government.

The OEB hearing is not the only approval process required before a line is built.

Environmental issues, or issues related to the Crown's duty to consult Indigenous peoples, are not part of the OEB's review unless there is a direct impact on price and the reliability and quality of electricity service.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is provided below:

YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for, and the OEB plans to proceed with, a written hearing. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why.

During this hearing, we will hear questions and arguments from participants about this case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenor. After the hearing, we will decide whether to approve the application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/notice and use file number **EB-2026-0128** to:

- Review the application
- Apply to become an intervenor
- File a letter with your comments

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **August 26, 2026** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

LEARN MORE

Ontario Energy Board

☎/TTY: 1-877-632-2727

🕒 Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

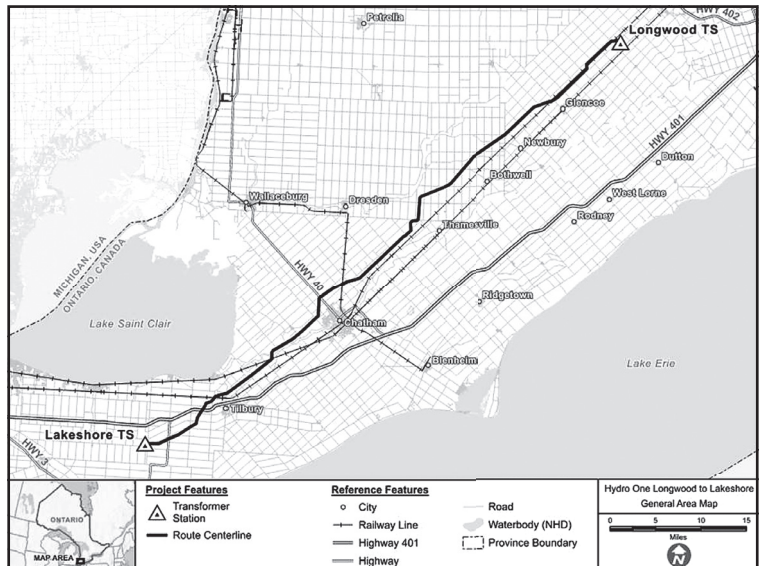
🌐 oeb.ca/notice

Hydro One Networks Inc.

☎ 1-888-664-9376

🕒 Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 8:00 PM

🌐 hydroone.com



This hearing will be held under sections 92 and 97 of the **Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998**

Ce document est aussi disponible en français.



Hydro One Networks Inc. a présenté une demande d'approbation pour la construction d'une ligne de transport à haute tension dans le sud-ouest de l'Ontario

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks) demande à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (CEO) de lui accorder :

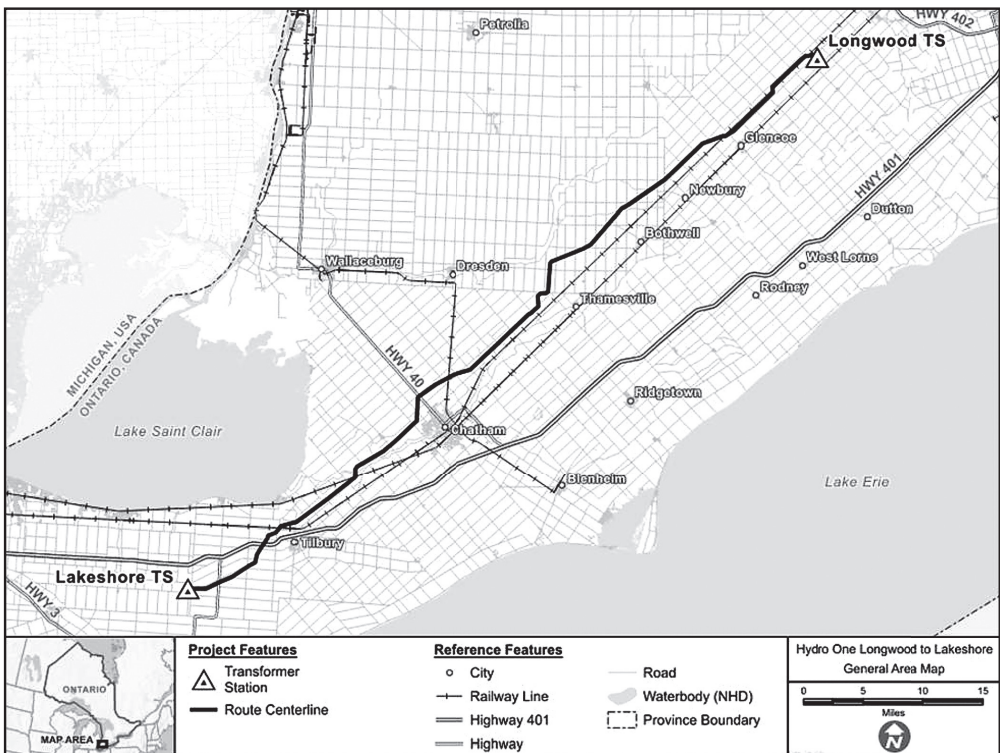
- La permission de construire une ligne de transport d'électricité de 500 kilovolts à circuit simple de 117 km entre le poste de transformation de Longwood et le poste de transformation de Lakeshore, dans le sud-ouest de l'Ontario, dans la région à l'ouest de London.
- La permission d'effectuer les expansions ou les mises à niveau des stations connexes aux stations terminales et les mises à niveau mineures de mise à la terre dans six stations éloignées qui sont requises pour le raccordement de la nouvelle ligne de transport.
- L'approbation des documents d'entente d'utilisation des terres qu'Hydro One Networks offrira aux propriétaires fonciers touchés.

Hydro One Networks affirme que le projet est nécessaire pour accroître la capacité d'approvisionnement à long terme et soutenir la croissance de la demande en électricité dans les régions de Windsor-Essex et de Chatham-Kent. La ligne de transport proposée a été désignée comme un projet prioritaire par le gouvernement provincial.

En plus de l'audience de la CEO, d'autres processus sont requis avant de pouvoir construire une ligne.

Les questions environnementales ou les questions liées à l'obligation de la Couronne de consulter les peuples autochtones ne font pas partie de l'examen de la CEO, à moins qu'elles n'aient une incidence directe sur le prix et sur la fiabilité et la qualité du service d'électricité.

Un plan du tracé proposé pour la ligne de transport est fourni ci-dessous :



À SAVOIR

Il existe trois types d'audiences à la CEO : les audiences orales, les audiences électroniques et les audiences écrites. Le demandeur a demandé une audience écrite et la CEO a l'intention d'y donner suite. Si vous estimez qu'avoir recours à un autre type d'audience serait préférable, vous pouvez écrire à la CEO pour lui présenter vos arguments.

Au cours de cette audience, nous entendrons les questions et les arguments des participants sur cette affaire. Nous entendrons également les questions et arguments des participants inscrits en tant qu'intervenants. Après l'audience, nous déciderons d'approuver ou non cette demande.

DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

Vous avez le droit d'être informés au sujet de cette demande et de participer au processus.

Visitez le site www.oeb.ca/fr/participez et utilisez le numéro de dossier **EB-2026-0128** pour :

- examiner la demande;
- présenter une demande pour devenir un intervenant;
- envoyer une lettre comportant vos commentaires.

DATES IMPORTANTES

Vous devez communiquer avec la CEO au plus tard le **26 août 2026** si vous souhaitez :

- fournir des renseignements sur le type d'audience (orale, électronique ou écrite);
- présenter une demande en vue de devenir un intervenant.

À défaut de cela, l'audience se déroulera sans vous et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de la présente procédure.

PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre seront ajoutés au dossier public et au site Web de la CEO. Si vous êtes une entreprise ou si vous présentez une demande pour devenir intervenant, tous les renseignements que vous déposez seront disponibles sur le site Web de la CEO.

EN SAVOIR PLUS

Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

☎/ATS: 1 877-632-2727

🕒 Du lundi au vendredi,
de 8 h 30 à 17 h

🌐 oeb.ca/fr/demandes/demandes-en-cours

Hydro One Networks Inc.

☎ 1 888 664-9376

🕒 Du lundi au vendredi, de 7 h 30 à 20 h

🌐 hydroone.com

Cette audience sera tenue en vertu des articles 92 et 97 de la
Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario.

This document is also available in English.



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