



Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for leave to construct a new electricity
transmission line from the Dobbin Transformer Station
to the Clarington Transformer Station in Eastern Ontario**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

August 12, 2026

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 12, 2026, under sections 92 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting leave to construct approximately 55 kilometres of new 230kV double-circuit electricity transmission line between the Dobbin Transformer Station and the Clarington Transformer Station and associated station modifications (Project). The proposed route is located primarily within existing transmission corridors. The Project has been designated a priority transmission project under section 96.1 of the OEB Act by Order in Council [1531/2023](#).

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: Julia McNally (presiding), Robert Dodds, and Damien A. Côté.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on July 3, 2026. Minogi Corporation, and two individuals (Brian Jensen and Mandy Jensen) each applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

On July 21, 2026, Hydro One Networks filed a letter advising that it does not object to the intervention requests.

Intervention Requests and Cost Eligibility

In their separate intervention requests, Brian Jensen and Mandy Jensen each stated that they are affected landowners whose agricultural properties are traversed by the proposed transmission corridor. Brian and Mandy Jensens' intervention request forms indicate that they are represented by the same legal counsel and suggest that they will coordinate their participation in this proceeding. The OEB thanks the Jensens for their collaborative efforts in advancing this proceeding in an efficient manner.

The Jensens indicated that they are concerned about the potential impacts of the Project on agricultural operations, land productivity, natural heritage features, and property restoration. They also allege that previous archaeological investigations conducted by Hydro One Networks resulted in property damage. The Jensens each indicated that they may file evidence regarding mitigation measures, remediation requirements, and landowner protections.

The Jensens are reminded that, pursuant to Rule 13.02 of the [OEB Rules of Practice and Procedure](#), they must seek the OEB's approval prior to filing any evidence. To assist the OEB in assessing the relevance and materiality of their proposed evidence, the Jensens shall provide a more detailed description of the proposed evidence than what was provided in their intervenor request forms. The Jensens shall also provide an explanation of why their evidence request should be granted based on the considerations set out in Rule 13.03. In addition, the Jensens shall provide the estimated cost to prepare the proposed evidence and to participate in expected procedural activities related to that evidence (e.g., responding to interrogatories or attendance at oral hearing). The Jensens are also encouraged to consider whether their proposed evidence can be filed jointly.

In its intervention request, Minogi Corporation stated that it represents the interests of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN). Minogi Corporation stated that the proceeding may affect the MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty rights, land use interests, cultural heritage interests, and harvesting activities within its traditional territory.

Brian Jensen, Mandy Jensen, and Minogi Corporation are each approved as intervenors in this proceeding and are also 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.

Considerations in Awarding Costs

Parties are reminded that being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Parties should also focus their participation on issues that are within the scope of the OEB's review and should coordinate their participation to avoid duplication.

Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing. 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.

Cost eligible intervenors should also 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.

Individuals that represent their own interests should carefully review the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards for information about the types of costs and disbursements that an individual may claim. For example, while wage or salary losses incurred as a result of participating in an OEB hearing may be claimed, fees are not generally permitted to be claimed by individuals under the OEB's Cost Award Tariff.

Issues List

The OEB has established a standard issues list for electricity 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 will exclude the standard issues relating to need and the consideration of alternatives (see Schedule B). This is because, by an Order in Council dated October 19, 2023, the Lieutenant Governor in Council declared the Project as a priority project under section 96.1 of the OEB Act.¹

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). As such, the standard issues relating to need and the consideration of alternatives will not be adjudicated in this proceeding.

It should be noted that the Project is subject to an Environmental Assessment conducted by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and that the duty to consult for the Project is led by the Ontario Government as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Issues related to the Environmental Assessment process are not reviewed by the OEB except to the extent that they are relevant to the OEB's consideration of price, reliability and quality of service. As indicated in the OEB Filing Requirements, it is a standard condition of any approval granted under section 92

¹ Order in Council 1531/2023.

of the OEB Act that the applicant obtain all necessary approvals, permits, licences, certificates, agreements and rights required to construct, operate and maintain the project.

The issues that the OEB will consider in this proceeding are listed in Schedule B to this Procedural Order, subject to such amendments as the OEB considers necessary as the proceeding progresses.

Hearing Type

Hydro One Networks has requested a written hearing for this proceeding. No objections were received in response to this request. The Jensens each indicated they were content to proceed with a written hearing. Minogi Corporation indicated that it may make submissions on the form of hearing following the interrogatory phase of the proceeding.

The OEB will proceed with a written hearing.

Interrogatories and Submissions

Provision is being made for written interrogatories and submissions. 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.

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. If Brian and Mandy Jensen intend to file evidence, they shall file a joint letter requesting leave to file such evidence with the OEB and copy all parties by **August 18, 2026**. The Jensens shall include in the letter a detailed description of the evidence they intend to file and the related costs. The letter shall also explain the relevance and materiality of the proposed evidence to this proceeding.
2. 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 28, 2026**.

3. Hydro One Networks shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on intervenors by **September 8, 2026**.
4. Any written submissions from OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 18, 2026**.
5. Any written reply submissions from Hydro One Networks shall be filed with the OEB and served on intervenors by **September 28, 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-2026-0155**) 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, Mansi Modi at Mansi.Modi@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Tobias Hobbins at Tobias.Hobbins@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **August 12, 2026**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray

Ritchie Murray
Registrar

Schedule A

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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Schedule B

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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.