



Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Application for leave to construct a new electricity
transmission line from/through the towns of Petawawa,
Laurentian Hills, and Deep River in the county of Renfrew**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

August 26, 2026

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 13, 2026, under sections 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting leave to construct approximately 21 kilometres of electricity transmission line and associated facilities for the relocation of a portion of the D6 circuit in the county of Renfrew. The proposed electricity transmission line will pass through the towns of Petawawa, Laurentian Hills, and Deep River.

Hydro One has also applied to the OEB under section 97 of the OEB Act 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: Shahrzad Rahbar (presiding), Allison Duff, and Julia McNally.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on June 3, 2026. The OEB did not receive any intervention requests. On July 3, 2026, Hydro One sent a letter to the OEB requesting and consenting to the disposition of the application without a hearing pursuant to section 21(4) of the OEB Act.

The OEB sent written clarification questions to Hydro One on July 28, 2026 regarding certain aspects of the application to determine the next steps in the process, which Hydro One responded to on August 7, 2026.

The OEB panel has decided to hold a written hearing. The panel considers a hearing necessary in light of the project's cost, Hydro One's responses to the clarifying questions, and the issuance of a Notice of Hearing.

Issues

The OEB has a standard issues list for transmission Leave to Construct applications. The standard issues list is intended to ensure that the scope of the OEB's review is focused and aligned with its mandate. The panel finds the standard issues list is appropriate in this proceeding, and is approved as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. The approved issues list should guide written submissions.

Interrogatories

The OEB has already received responses from Hydro One to its clarification questions. As there are no intervenors in this proceeding, the panel has determined that another discovery process with formal interrogatories is not required.

Submissions

The OEB is establishing a written submission process, providing an opportunity to Hydro One to file in argument in chief, OEB staff to file a submission and Hydro One to file a reply submission.

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. Any written argument in chief from Hydro One shall be filed with the OEB on **September 4, 2026**.
2. Any written submissions from OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 14, 2026**.
3. Any written reply submissions from Hydro One shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 21, 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-2026-0112**) 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, Muhammad Yunus at Muhammad.Yunus@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Stephanie Pope at Stephanie.Pope@oeb.ca.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

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

DATED at Toronto, **August 26, 2026**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Registrar

SCHEDULE A

ISSUES LIST

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HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT D6 RELOCATION

EB-2026-0112

Section 92 Leave to Construct Issues List

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 Schedule 1. If the OEB approves the proposed project, what additional or revised conditions, if any, are appropriate?

Schedule 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.