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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2025-0290

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Line and Station Facilities in the Niagara Area and Associated Approvals

BEFORE: **Robert Dodds**
Presiding Commissioner

Damien A. Côté
Commissioner

Vinay Sharma
Commissioner

September 3, 2026

OVERVIEW

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks) filed an application with the OEB on November 18, 2025 under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act* (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). Hydro One Networks also applied under section 97 of the OEB Act for approval of the form of land-use agreements offered, or to be offered, to affected landowners. Additionally, Hydro One Networks indicated in its application that if leave to construct is granted, it is also requesting relief under section 99 of the OEB Act for an order granting authority to expropriate certain interest in lands.

The OEB granted intervenor status and cost eligibility to 2853918 Ontario Inc. and Futecan Canada Inc. In its Scope of Proceeding, Decision on Issues List and Procedural Order No. 2, the OEB bifurcated the application into two phases. Phase 1 was limited to Hydro One Networks' request for leave to construct Welland-Thorold Project. In Phase 2, the OEB will consider Hydro One Networks' request for expropriation relief.

On July 9, 2026 the OEB issued its Decision and Order for Phase 1 of the proceeding in which it granted Hydro One Networks leave to construct the Welland-Thorold Project and set out the process for cost awards. The OEB received a cost claim from Futecan Canada Inc. No objection was received from Hydro One Networks.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim filed to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and finds that the cost claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hydro One Networks.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the OEB Act, Hydro One Networks shall promptly pay $14,568.76 to Futecan Canada Inc.

DATED at Toronto September 3, 2026

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