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EB-2026-0207

Hydro One Networks Inc.

Application for leave to construct: refurbishment of a section of electricity transmission line between Kirkland Lake Transformer Station and American Barrick Junction

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
November 13, 2026

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 11, 2026, under sections 92 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, for an order granting leave to construct with regard to the refurbishment of approximately 13.7 kilometres of an existing 115 kilovolt electricity transmission line that connects Kirkland Lake Transformer Station (TS) and American Barrick Junction (JCT), and the removal of certain components from an adjacent non-operating 115 kV transmission line (Project). The Project is entirely located on privately owned lands.

Hydro One Networks also applied to the OEB for approval of the form of land-use agreements it offers to landowners for the establishment of additional permanent rights for the transmission line, as well as temporary construction rights for access or staging areas required during the construction period of the Project.

The application will be heard by commissioners: James Sidlofsky (presiding), Michael Janigan, and Nalin Sahni.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on October 5, 2026. No persons applied for intervenor status.

Issues List and Interrogatories

The OEB has established a standard Issues List for 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 standard issues list is provided in Schedule B to this Procedural Order.

At this time, the OEB is making provision for the filing of interrogatories, interrogatory responses, and submissions. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff 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 Hydro One Networks by **November 24, 2026**.

2. Hydro One Networks shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories by **December 9, 2026**.

3. Hydro One Networks shall file its Argument-in-Chief with the OEB by **December 18, 2026**.

4. Any written submissions by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on Hydro One Networks by **January 11, 2027**.

5. Any reply submissions by Hydro One shall be filed with the OEB by **January 26, 2027**.

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-2026-0207**) 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, Mahnoor Mir, at 416-440-7724 or mahnoor.mir@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Tobias Hobbins at 416 544-5198 or tobias.hobbins@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **November 13, 2026**

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By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray

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