



EB-2006-0242

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT

SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT

FACILITIES

Hydro One Networks Inc. (the "Applicant" or "Hydro One") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") dated October 31, 2006 under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. The Applicant has applied for an order of the Board for leave to construct approximately 27 kilometres of double circuit 230 Kilovolt ("kV") electricity transmission line, replacing an existing 115 kV single circuit transmission line extending from just west of Essa Transformer Station ("TS") in Springwater Township to Stayner TS in Clearview Township. The Applicant also proposes to: replace two existing 230 kV double circuit towers with two four circuit towers on the existing right of way exiting west of Essa TS; convert Stayner TS from 115 kV to 230 kV, add a 230/115 kV autotransformer and replace the existing step down transformers with higher capacity ones at Stayner TS; and add new equipment within Essa TS to accommodate the new 230 kV circuits. The proposed facilities will be installed at an estimated cost of approximately \$92 million.

The proposed transmission line is within the right of way of the 115 kV line which it replaces. Hydro One advises that the facilities do not require the acquisition of any additional land or land rights, other than for temporary access for construction. A map showing the location of the proposed facilities is included in this Notice.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2006-0242 to this application.

The Applicant is proposing to construct the facilities to ensure the availability and increase the reliability and quality of electricity service to consumers in the area, and allow Stayner TS and Meaford TS to supply their own local load without relying on long distribution feeders.

The Applicant proposes an in-service date of April 2009 for the new 230 kV transmission line and related facilities.

How to see the Applicant's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of the application will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices and at the Applicant's head office (addresses below).

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

1. You may send the Board a letter of comment. Your letter should include any request to make an oral presentation to the Board, and must be received by the Board no later than 30 days from the publication date of this notice.
2. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter received by the Board no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice.
3. You may request intervenor status if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter of intervention received no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice, or, if you have been served this notice personally, no later than 10 days from the date of service. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the proceeding and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may choose to hold either a written or an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reasons for that preference. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this notice please reference Board file number EB-2006-0242. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address, telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be **received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.**

For your convenience, the Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail. Our e-mail address is Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Please include the application file reference number in the subject line of your e-mail.

Letters of intervention must be sent to the Board by regular mail to the address below. Please remember that you must send a copy of your request for intervention to the applicant at the address listed below.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

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