

January 2020

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR A NEW TRANSMISSION LINE FROM CHATHAM-KENT TO LAKESHORE

Dear Resident,

As demand for electricity in southwestern Ontario is anticipated to grow significantly over the next several years, Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to construct a new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line between the Chatham Switching Station (SS), located in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and the Lakeshore Switching Station (SS), which will be located in the Town of Lakeshore. This new transmission line is needed so that Hydro One can meet the growth and future demand of the industrial, agricultural and residential sectors in the region.

The proposed project is subject to the "Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities" (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined planning process to ensure that applicable projects are planned and carried out in a manner that is efficient and environmentally acceptable. The project will also require Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approval under Section 92 (Leave to Construct) of the OEB Act.

Through the EA process, we will evaluate multiple alternative routes and their associated variations, as shown on the attached map and online, in greater detail, at HydroOne.com/Chatham-to-Lakeshore. The anticipated in-service date for the new line and associated equipment is the end of 2025.

In the months ahead, we will begin collecting environmental and technical data to assess the project area. We will also gather input on the proposed project from residents, Indigenous communities, businesses, government agencies, and interest groups. This input will be taken into consideration when selecting our preferred route for the new transmission line.

Next month, you will receive an invitation to an open house to learn more about the project. In the interim, if you have questions or would like any additional information about the project, we encourage you to contact us at:

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Route Alternatives and Local Study Area

Legend

- Existing Electrical Transmission Line
- Route Alternatives
- Route Variations
- Local Study Area - 500m Radius

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