

APPENDIX 3-C

Notice of Commencement

North Shore Link

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Class Environmental Assessment for a new 230 kilovolt transmission line between Sault Ste. Marie and Wharncliffe

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Hydro One is committed to supporting growth in northeastern Ontario as demand for energy in the region continues to increase. The North Shore Link was identified as part of the Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) electricity plans to address future growth in the region. In addition to meeting growing electricity needs, this project will strengthen the connection between the northeast and the northwest and will improve the overall resiliency of the northern Ontario transmission network.

Project description

Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to construct a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Mississagi Transformer Station (TS), located near Wharncliffe, and Third Line TS, located in the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

As part of the Class EA, Hydro One has identified alternative routes as shown in the attached map and online at HydroOne.com/NSL. These alternatives will be studied and evaluated to ultimately select a preferred route for the new line.

This project involves work at the connecting stations to facilitate the new transmission line, including an expansion at Mississagi TS. In addition, to support the overall operation of the transmission system, an expansion at Algoma TS, located east of Algoma Mills, will be required to accommodate additional station equipment.

Planning process

The Class EA will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities" (Class EA for TF, 2024), in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This process applies to transmission infrastructure projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed to ensure that potential natural, economic, social, and cultural effects are thoroughly considered before a project begins. Following completion of the Class EA, the Project will also require Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approval under Section 92 (Leave to Construct) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*. The in-service date is expected no later than 2029.



See reverse for map



We'd like to hear from you

Early, meaningful, and open engagement is a top priority for Hydro One. Receiving feedback from Indigenous communities, members of the public, businesses, government agencies, and other interested parties will be instrumental to inform the Class EA process and the project.

Community Open Houses will be held in the coming months

Opportunities for community members to meet with the project team to ask questions and learn more about the project will be organized. Stay up-to-date with all project information by joining our mailing list by contacting us:

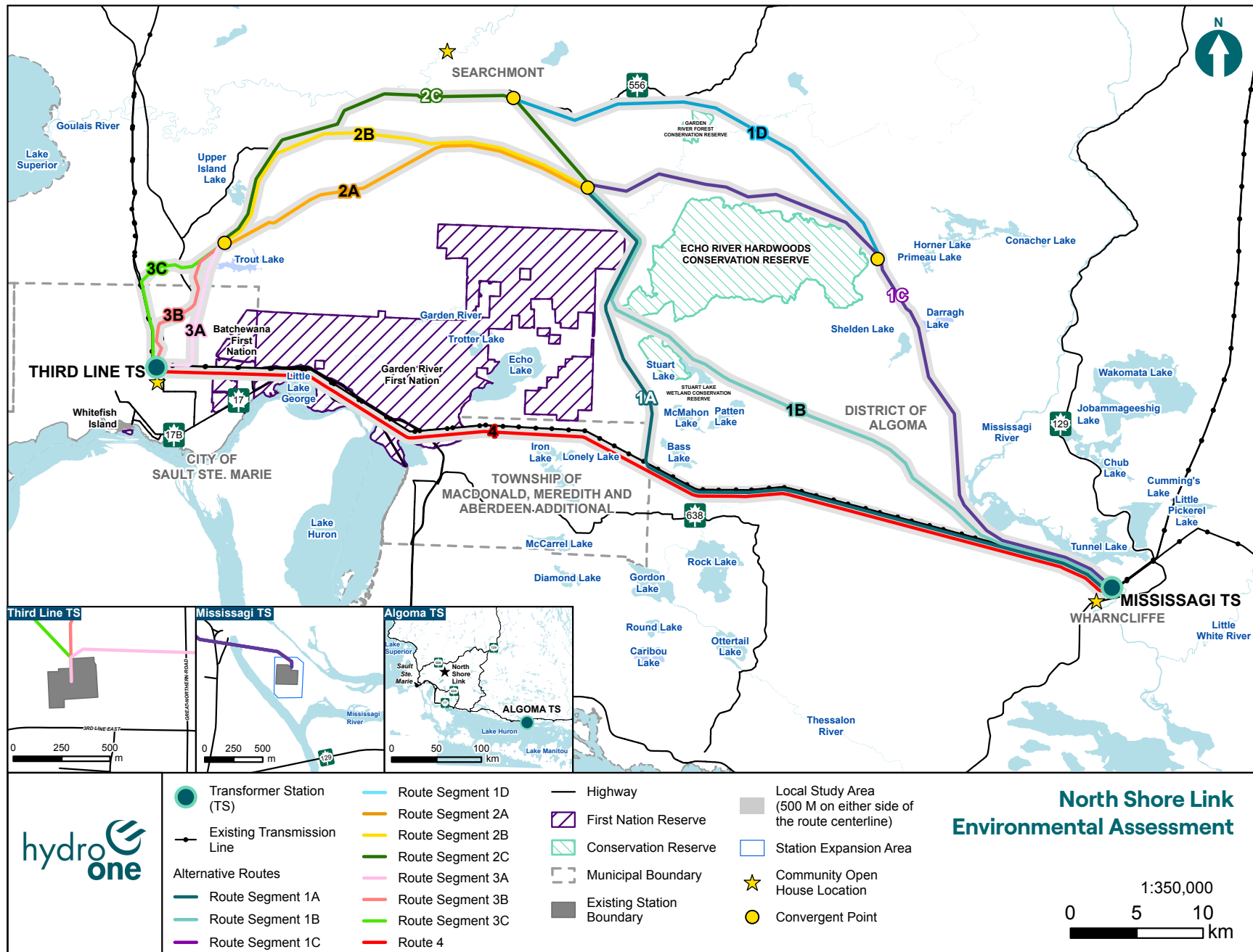


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