

Notice of Class Environmental Assessment

Proposed Westover to Copetown Temporary Transmission Line Project

May 31, 2019

Dear Resident,

This letter is to inform you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to install a temporary 115 kilovolt (kV) wood pole transmission line approximately 13 km in length in the City of Hamilton. This work is required to ensure continuous power supply to the Enbrg Westover Customer Transformer Station (CTS) during the refurbishment of an existing 115 kV line between Harpers Junction and the Enbrg Westover CTS. The temporary line will be installed for approximately two years and is planned to be removed by Fall 2021.

The proposed line will tap off of an existing line located near the intersection of Power Line Road West and Highway 52 in the community of Copetown. It will largely run parallel to an existing 500 kV double-circuit line to connect to the existing Enbrg Westover CTS. The majority of work will be completed within Hydro One's existing transmission right-of-way, with the exception of at least five temporary wood pole structures that will be constructed in close proximity to the existing transmission right-of-way. The study area of the proposed temporary line is shown on the attached map.

This project is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016) process, in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined process to ensure that transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place. The Class EA process contains screening provisions that may apply to this project. Based on the outcome of the Class EA process, work may begin as early as November 2019 to meet a target in-service date of May 2020.

We welcome your comments and feedback regarding this project. If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding this project, please contact Ciarán Thompson at Hydro One's Community Relations Department at 416-345-6799 or Community.Relations@HydroOne.com. Your input on this project is valued and would be appreciated by August 30, 2019. Please join us at a Public Information Centre on July 31, 2019 at the Westover Women's Institute Hall from 5 – 8 p.m. to learn more about the project.

As per the request of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, information regarding the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act is included and can be viewed below.

Sincerely,

Ciarán Thompson Community Relations Hydro One Networks Inc.

Enclosed (1 project study area map)

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Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-327-1434.

