

NOTICE OF COMPLETION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

Barrie Area Transmission Upgrade



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Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has completed a draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the proposed Barrie Area Transmission Upgrade project. The purpose of the project is to ensure an adequate and reliable supply of power to meet the growing electricity demands of the region. The project consists of replacing the two existing single-circuit 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines and wooden structures with a new, two-circuit 230 kV transmission line on steel structures along the existing transmission corridor. The project would also involve upgrades to the existing Barrie Transformer Station (TS) and Essa TS.

The proposed project is subject to the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act* and is being planned in accordance with the approved Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016). Subject to the outcome of the Class EA, construction could begin in spring 2019.

HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

In accordance with the Class EA process, Hydro One is providing notice of its intent to proceed with the proposed project. The draft ESR will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period from January 29, 2018 to February 27, 2018. The draft ESR can be viewed on Hydro One's website at:

www.HydroOne.com/Projects/BarrieAreaUpgrade.

A hardcopy of the draft ESR is available at the following locations:

Barrie City Hall

City Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 70 Collier Street
Phone: 705-739-4204

Barrie Public Library (Downtown Branch)

60 Worsley Street
Phone: 705-728-1010

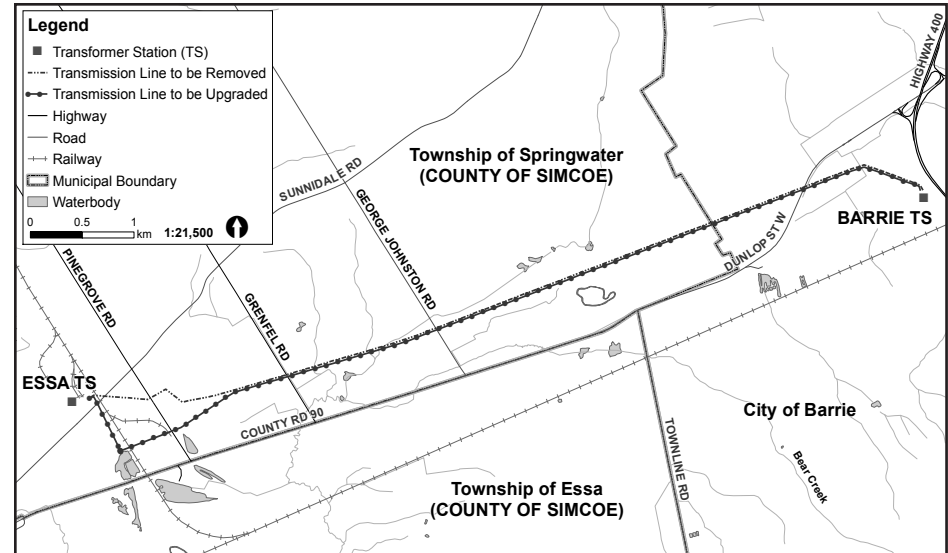
Springwater Public Library (Midhurst Branch)

12 Finlay Mill Road
Phone: 705-737-5650

Written comments and questions on the draft ESR must be received by Hydro One no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Please address your correspondence to:

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Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com.

Hydro One will respond to and make best efforts to resolve any issues raised during the review period. If no issues are raised during the review period, Hydro One will finalize the ESR and file it with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC). The project will be considered acceptable and may proceed as outlined in the ESR.



The *Environmental Assessment Act* has provisions for interested parties to ask for a higher level of assessment if they feel that outstanding issues have not been adequately addressed.

This request is called a Part II Order and must be addressed in writing to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch. Part II Order requests must be received by **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018** at the following addresses:

Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Ferguson Block
Toronto, ON, M7A 2T5

Director, Environmental Approvals Branch, MOECC
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor,
Toronto, ON, M4V 1P5

Email: MOECCpermissions@ontario.ca

Please note that a duplicate copy of a Part II Order request must also be sent to Hydro One at the address noted.

For more information call 1-877-345-6799 or visit our website:

www.HydroOne.com/Projects/BarrieAreaUpgrade.

Please note: Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.