

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MINOR TRANSMISSION FACILITIES

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is proposing to amend the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Class EA) as a result of changes made to the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) via the *More Homes, More Choice Act (2019)*. These changes are in line with the government's overarching objective of focusing EA on higher risk activities and discontinuing costly and time-consuming efforts to study low risk activities presenting minimal to no potential for environmental effects.

The Class EA sets out a standard planning and reporting process for a defined class (or group) of transmission projects. The types of projects subject to the Class EA are considered to be routine with predictable and manageable environmental effects.

Hydro One is seeking a major amendment to the Class EA to create a 'Category of Exempt Undertakings' as permitted in subsection 15.3(1) of the *More Homes, More Choice Act (2019)* in addition to other minor amendments, clarifications, and administrative updates. The proposed amendments improve alignment with other Class EAs and Ontario Regulation 116/01 (*Electricity Projects*). Consultation on the proposed amendments is being coordinated between Hydro One and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) - the approving authority. A [Table of Proposed Amendments](#) and [Clean Version of Proposed Changes](#) have been posted on the following websites for **45 days** during which time the public may review and comment:

- <https://ero.ontario.ca/search>
- <https://www.ontario.ca>

This Notice, as well as the same information posted on the above-noted websites have been posted on Hydro One's website at:

- <https://www.hydroone.com/ClassEA>

Comments are to be sent to MECP and copied to Hydro One per below:

MECP

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The review period is from **July 8 to August 22, 2020**. The purpose of the review period is to provide an opportunity for input by interested parties, including the public, Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipalities and associations, local distribution companies, transmitters, and mining companies.