

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

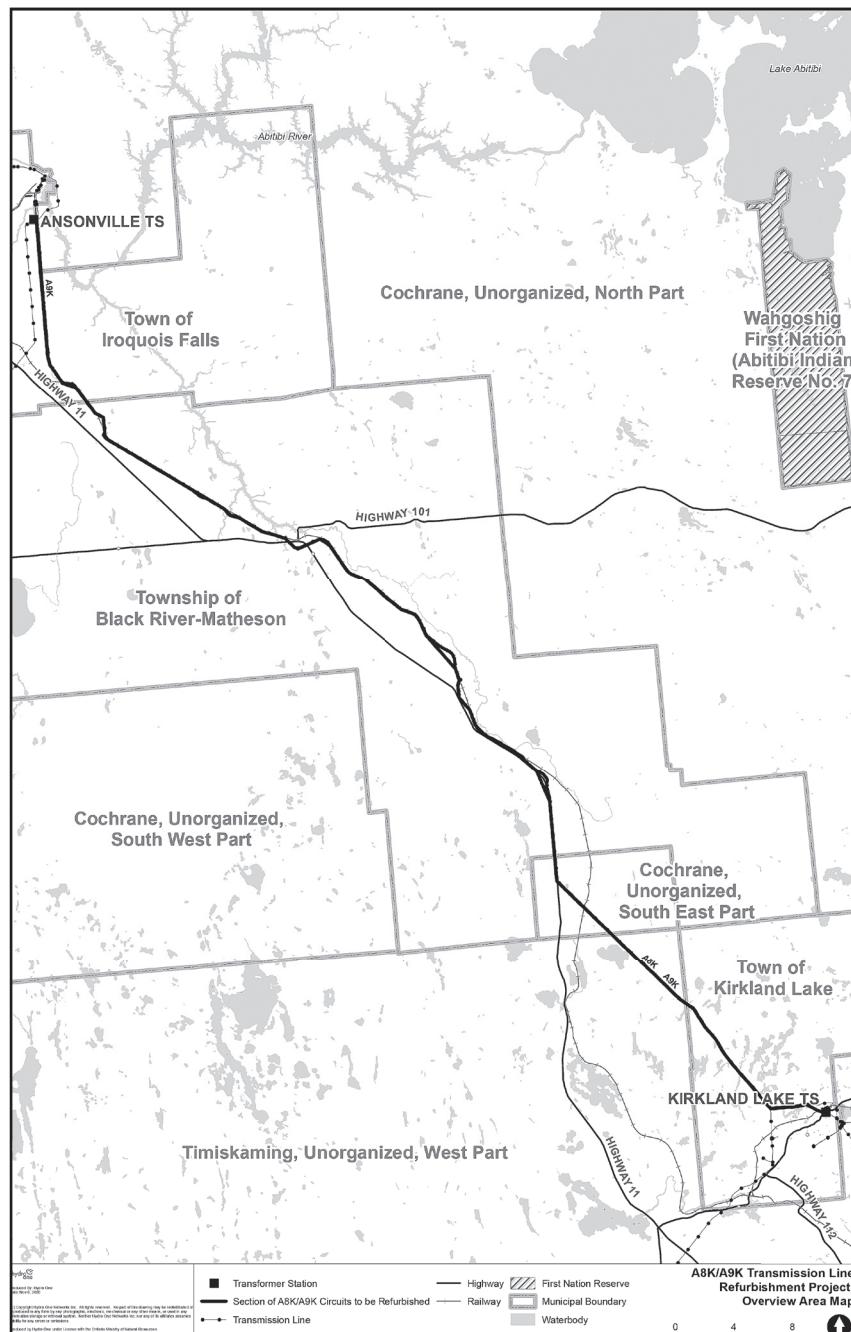
Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to upgrade a high-voltage transmission line.

Learn more.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is asking the Ontario Energy Board for permission to upgrade approximately 180 kilometres of single circuit 115 kilovolt transmission lines from Ansonville Transformer Station to Kirkland Lake Transformer Station. The work will be completed in the townships of Iroquois Falls, Black River-Matheson and Kirkland Lake. The proposed upgrade is needed to meet load requirements in the Kirkland-Lake area and to meet end-of-life sustainment requirements.

Hydro One is also asking the Ontario Energy Board for approval of the forms of agreement it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is provided below.



THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD (OEB) WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One's requests. During the hearing, which could be a written or oral hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Hydro One and by participants (individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected) that have registered to participate in the hearing (called intervenors).

SCOPE OF THE OEB'S HEARING

It is important to note that the OEB's hearing is not the only approval process required before a transmission line is built. The scope of the OEB's legislative authority is set out in sections 92 and 96 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. When determining whether the proposed project is in the public interest, the *Ontario Energy Board Act* specifies that the OEB shall only consider the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service. As required under section 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, the OEB will also consider matters related to the form of agreement that Hydro One offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line. More information on the types of issues that the OEB will consider in this hearing are provided on the OEB's website: <https://www.oeb.ca/sites/default/files/issues-list-LTC-electricity.pdf>

Parties to the proceeding are required to limit their participation to areas that fall within the OEB's legislative mandate. For example, environmental issues, or issues related to the government's duty to consult indigenous people are not in scope of the OEB's review, unless there is a direct impact on price and the reliability and quality of electricity service.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding Hydro One's application. You can read Hydro One's application on the OEB's website now.

If you would be affected by the proposed transmission line, you may want to take a more active role in the hearing.

- You can send the OEB a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing; OR
- You can ask the OEB for permission to be an intervenor in the hearing. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Hydro One's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Hydro One's request. To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider. If you wish to be an intervenor, the OEB must receive your request by **October 4, 2021**.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2021-0107**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access the documents related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2021-0107** from the list on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/noticeltc. You can also phone Andrew Pietrewicz at 1-888-632-6273 extension 642.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine later in the process whether to hold an oral or a written hearing in this case. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **October 4, 2021**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the OEB's public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will be public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all your information will be public.

This hearing will be held under sections 92, 96 and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

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