

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

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

Hydro One Networks Inc. is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for permission to construct approximately 13 kilometres of 230 kilovolt electricity transmission line and associated facilities in the Municipality of Leamington and the Town of Lakeshore in Essex County.

Hydro One Networks Inc. estimates the cost of the transmission line to be \$45 million and the cost of station facilities to be \$32 million. If the project is approved it will result in an increase in Ontario transmission rates and as a result increase the average monthly electricity bill of a typical customer by 0.01%. There may also be future impacts on distribution ratepayers of Hydro One Networks Inc., Essex Powerlines Corporation, E.L.K. Energy Inc. and Entegrus Powerlines Inc.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is also asking the OEB to endorse the methodology it has used to allocate the project costs.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is also asking the OEB to approve the form 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 printed below.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One Networks Inc.'s requests. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by **Hydro One Networks Inc.** and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected.

The OEB hearing will consider specific issues determined by law. The *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these issues are.

As required by the *Ontario Energy Board Act* the OEB will consider three issues:

- The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service;
- The promotion of the use of renewable energy sources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario; and
- The form of agreement that **Hydro One Networks Inc.** offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line.

Most transmission lines are also subject to the Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Assessment process. Hydro One completed the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for this project in 2010. The Board's review will only address the three factors outlined above and will not address other factors, such as, environmental, health, aesthetics or property value impacts.

BE INFORMED

You have the right to information regarding **Hydro One Networks Inc.'s** application.

You can:

- Read **Hydro One Networks Inc.'s** application on the OEB's website (See below under "Learn More").
- Sign up to be an observer, who will automatically receive documents for the hearing.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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
- Ask the OEB for permission to be an active participant (an intervenor) in the hearing. Intervenors can provide evidence, argue their positions and submit relevant questions (interrogatories) to be answered by **Hydro One Networks Inc.** 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 **[insert actual date 10 calendar days from publication]**.

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To read the documents concerning this hearing please go to the OEB website www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/, click on “Consumers” and enter file number (**EB-2013-0421**) in the “Find an Application” box. You can also phone Rudra Mukherji at 1-888-632-6273 extension 608.

Oral and Written Hearings

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The Board intends to use a written hearing for this case unless there is a good reason why an oral hearing is necessary. If you believe an oral hearing is necessary, you must provide written reasons to the OEB by **[insert actual date 10 calendar days from publication]**.

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, 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 application was filed under sections 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.*

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