

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR A NEW 230 KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE FROM CHATHAM-KENT TO LAKESHORE

As demand for electricity in southwestern Ontario is anticipated to grow significantly over the next several years, Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to construct a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Chatham Switching Station (SS) in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to the Lakeshore SS which will be located in the Town of Lakeshore.

This new transmission line is needed to ensure that Hydro One meets the growth and future demand of the industrial, agricultural and residential sectors in the region.

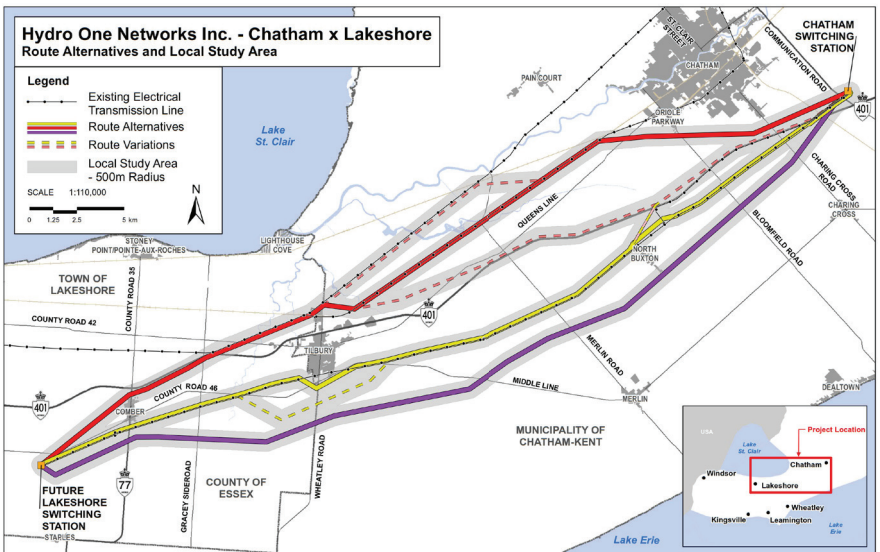
The proposed project is subject to the "Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities" (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined planning process that has proven effective in ensuring minor transmission projects with a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place. The project will also require Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approval under Section 92 (Leave to Construct) of the *OEB Act*.

Through the EA process, we will evaluate multiple alternative routes and their associated variations, as shown on the map below and online, in more detail, at HydroOne.com/Chatham-to-Lakeshore

The anticipated in-service date for the new line and associated equipment is the end of 2025.

We Want to Hear From You

The Class EA process provides opportunities for Indigenous communities, members of the public, businesses, stakeholder groups, government agencies and other interested parties to participate and provide feedback. Members of our team will be available to discuss the route alternatives in person at a series of Community Information Centers (CICs) throughout the duration of the EA. Information regarding the first CIC will become available in the next month. In the meanwhile, if you have questions or would like any additional information about the project, please contact Hydro One Community Relations at Community.Relations@HydroOne.com, or 1.877.345.6799. Project information will also be available online at HydroOne.com/Chatham-to-Lakeshore



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