

Notice of Commencement

Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities - Frontenac TS to Novelis CTS Transmission Line Refurbishment (Circuit Q3M6)

Dear Resident,

Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Frontenac Transformer Station (TS) to Novelis Customer Transformer Station (CTS) Transmission Line Refurbishment Project (Circuit Q3M6) in the City of Kingston, as shown on the reverse map. The proposed project involves removing and replacing approximately 2 kilometres of an existing aging 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Circuit Q3M6) with similar equipment. This work ensures a safe and reliable supply of electricity is maintained to Novelis Inc.

Project work will include the replacement of aging electrical conductors (wires), wood pole structures, shieldwire, and line hardware. To maintain power to Novelis Inc., new structures will be installed in parallel to the existing line, within 10 metres of the existing structures. Once the new parallel line is connected to the electricity grid, the existing line and structures will be removed. To support the work required, crews will remove and trim trees and other vegetation, and remove the existing distribution line. Existing access roads and trails will be used where feasible.

Class Environmental Assessment Process

This project is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Class EA for MTF) in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA for MTF is a streamlined process for planning transmission projects that have a predictable range of environmental effects and feasible mitigation measures that can be applied (www.hydroone.com/ClassEA).

Within the Class EA for MTF, there are two tiers of assessment designed to be commensurate with project scale and associated potential for environmental effects. These include: i) Screening Process, and ii) Full Class EA Process. The Screening Process is a further streamlined process for smaller scale projects with minimal environmental effects (confirmed upon satisfying 16 screening criteria). This project is similar to examples provided within the Class EA document where the Screening Process would typically apply. As such, contingent upon consultation activities and satisfaction of the applicable criteria, it is anticipated that this project will follow the Screening Process.

Once the Class EA process is successfully completed, construction could commence in September 2023 and be completed by the end of fall 2024.

Your input is valued

We welcome your comments, questions and feedback regarding this project and would appreciate hearing from you by June 23 2023. Information regarding this project, including a video presentation, is available on our project website at www.hydroone.com/ClassEAScreeningProjects, under "Frontenac TS to Novelis CTS Transmission Line Refurbishment".



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