

OEB grants Hydro One leave to construct an electricity transmission line and associated facilities in the City of Toronto

DECISION

On November 7, 2023, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its [Decision and Order](#) granting Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) leave to construct a 230 kV electricity transmission line and related facilities in the City of Toronto.

The transmission line will replace an idle 115 kV double-circuit transmission line in an existing 6.5 km corridor from Richview Transformer Station (TS) to Manby TS (the Project) in the Etobicoke region. The Project cost is estimated at \$73.1 million.

The OEB found the application to be in the public interest based on an examination of the impact of the Project on consumers with respect to prices and the reliability of electricity service.

KEY FINDINGS

A summary of the OEB's key findings include:

- the Project is needed in order to meet load growth in the southwest Greater Toronto Area as forecasted by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
- Hydro One selected the most prudent of the two alternatives put forward based on a 50-year net present value analysis
- the impact for a typical monthly residential consumer, which over a 25-year time horizon is estimated to be a reduction of \$0.08 per month given the forecasted load growth, is reasonable and acceptable
- the project is expected to have no material adverse impact on the reliability of the grid and will increase supply reliability for connected customers provided that all of the IESO's requirements are implemented

The OEB granted leave to construct subject to the standard conditions of approval, attached as Schedule B to the Decision and Order.

As requested by Hydro One and allowed by the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the OEB issued its Decision and Order without a hearing as it was satisfied that no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome.

About the OEB

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