Ontario Energy Board Energy East Consultation and Review

Province-Wide Stakeholder Group Meeting 2 August 15, 2014



Overview

- 1. Key Observations from Part One
- 2. Work of OEB's technical advisors
- 3. Proposed Approach to Part Two



Four Areas of Impact

In November 2013, Ontario's Minister of Energy asked the OEB to examine and report on TransCanada Pipelines Limited's proposed Energy East Pipeline project from an Ontario perspective, considering the implications of the following:

- The impacts on Ontario natural gas consumers in terms of prices, reliability and access to supply, especially those consumers living in eastern and northern Ontario
- 2. The impacts in Ontario on the natural environment and pipeline safety
- 3. The impacts in Ontario on local communities and Aboriginal communities
- 4. The **short and long term economic impacts** of the project in Ontario

Minister's Six Principles for Assessing Pipeline Projects

Six principles for assessing proposed pipelines:

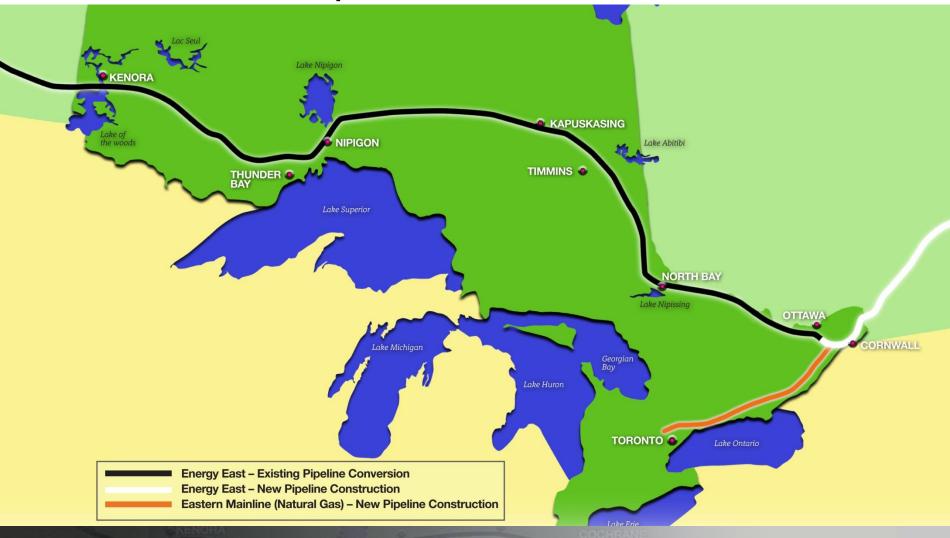
- 1. Pipelines must meet the highest available technical standards for public safety and environmental protection;
- 2. Pipelines must have world leading contingency planning and emergency response programs;
- 3. Proponents and governments must fulfil their duty to consult obligations with Aboriginal communities;
- 4. Local communities must be consulted;
- 5. Projects should provide demonstrable economic benefits and opportunities to the people of Ontario, over both the short term and long term; and
- 6. Economic and environmental risks and responsibilities, including remediation, should be borne exclusively by the pipeline companies, who must also provide financial assurance demonstrating their capability to respond to leaks and spills.



Updates Since we Last Met

- TransCanada filed its Energy East Project Description with the NEB
- TransCanada filed its Eastern Mainline (Iroquois to Markham)
 Project Description with the NEB
- The Eastern Mainline application will be rolled into the Energy East application (originally they were to proceed separately)
- TransCanada has provided an information briefing to the OEB
- Best information is that TransCanada's application will be filed end of August/early September

The Proposed Route in Ontario

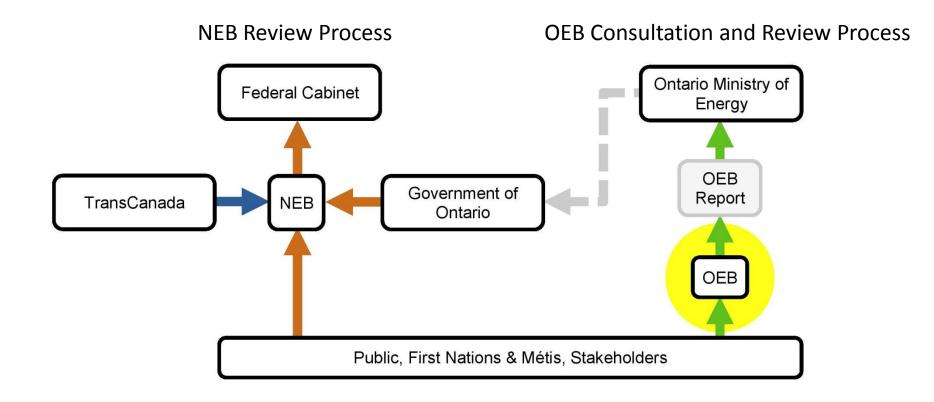




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NEB and **OEB** Processes





OEB's Two Part Process

Part One – Impacts Important to Ontarians

- Public, First Nations & Métis, Stakeholders' input sought on impacts.
- Technical advisors generate background report to help OEB understand the impacts.

Part Two – OEB's Understanding of Impacts

- Technical advisors share preliminary assessment of TransCanada's application in light of Part One feedback and Minister's Six Principles.
- Further feedback sought from Public, First Nations & Métis, and Stakeholders.



Part One Activities

Approximately 2,500 people participated in Part One.

26 # of Organizations at Province-Wide Stakeholder Meeting

780 # of participants at Community Discussions

40 # of Local Presentations at Community Discussions

239 # of Written Submissions received

1212 # of Form Letters/Petitions received

Types of Organizations that Participated in Part One:

Academic Community Environment Organized Labour

Agriculture Large-Volume Gas Users Public Health

Business Landowners Religious Institutions

Community Associations Mining Residential Gas Consumers

Construction Municipal Government Social Justice

Electricity Distributors Oil/Gas Industry Tourism



Key Observations from Part One

- Adverse Impacts on Water and Other Environmental Risks
- 2. The Importance of Jobs and Other Economic Impacts
- 3. A Range of Confidence in Pipeline Safety
- 4. Interest in a New National Energy Strategy and Concern about Climate Change
- 5. Impacts on Natural Gas Prices and Access to Supply
- 6. Process Concerns



Key Observations from Part One – First Nation and Métis

Issues raised at First Nations and Métis Meetings:

- Treaty and Aboriginal Rights (including Duty to Consult and Accommodate, and Traditional Land Use Practices)
- Pipeline safety and environmental protection
- NEB timeline and impact on meaningful participation
- Proximity of proposed route to wetlands and waterways
- Limited short and long-term benefits
- Revenue sharing opportunities

The OEB's Technical Advisors

The OEB has retained a number of technical advisors to assess TransCanada's application:

- Pipeline Engineering, Safety and Integrity, and Natural Environment Considerations – DNV-GL
- Natural Gas Pricing and Supply Elenchus, Ziff Energy
- Economic Benefits Mowat Center
- First Nations and Métis John Beaucage (Counsel PA)

Work of OEB's Technical Advisors

- The OEB's Technical Advisors will review TransCanada's proposed Energy East Pipeline to assess how well it addresses the impacts identified in Part One and by the Minister.
- The Technical Advisors will use the Minister's principles for assessing pipeline projects.
- The Technical Advisors have begun initial work, and will complete their preliminary assessments 6-7 weeks after TransCanada has filed its application with the NEB.



Approach to Part Two

- In Part Two, the OEB will share its technical advisors' preliminary assessment and seek feedback from Public, First Nations & Métis, and other Stakeholders
- OEB will then prepare its report to the Minister having regard to the feedback and submissions received, and the analysis provided by its technical advisors
- Timing dependent on filing of TransCanada's application



Approach to Part Two

Engagement activities in Part Two will include:

- A meeting for large-scale gas consumers and consumer organizations
- Seven Community Discussions
- Seven First Nations Meetings
- Métis Meetings
- A Stakeholder Forum
- The opportunity to provide written submissions



Approach to Part Two – Community Discussions

- Return to the seven communities visited in Part One.
- Community Discussions start and/or finish with half hour open houses where participants can speak one-on-one with OEB and technical advisors.
- Main portion of meeting includes overview and technical briefing, questions of clarification and opportunity for discussion and feedback.

Approach to Part Two – First Nations and Métis

- Return to the seven communities visited in Part One, but substitute Renfrew for Kanata as requested.
- Opportunity for Métis community-focused Discussion/Session
- Focus of Part Two meetings:
 - Informal meet and greet
 - Overview of process and the Part One report
 - Technical discussions (emphasizing the TCPL application safety concerns and environmental protection)
 - Question-and-answers on technical and other matters

Approach to Part Two –Stakeholder Forum

- The Stakeholder Forum will provide an opportunity for stakeholder organizations to share their perspectives with the OEB.
- Presentations should provide a broader provincial perspective:
 - Address 1 or more of the 4 impacts in the Minister's letter
 - Have regard to the 6 principles in the Minister's letter
 - The OEB would welcome data and analysis
- There will be an opportunity for discussion following the presentations.



Discussion Questions

- 1. Do you have any additional observations or comments on the feedback received and/or on the consultation process of Part One?
- 2. What are your thoughts on the proposed approach to Part Two?