



**EB-2007-0051**

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING**

### **ACCESS TO LAND PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT THE BRUCE-MILTON TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (the “Applicant” or “Hydro One”) has filed an application (the “Access Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) dated March 30, 2007 under section 98 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B (the “Act”). This Access Application is related to an application by Hydro One filed with the Board on March 29, 2007 for leave to construct a transmission reinforcement project between the Bruce Power Facility and Milton Switching Station (“Bruce-Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project”), which was assigned Board File No. EB-2007-0050.

The Access Application seeks an interim Order providing Hydro One and its agents access to land affected by the proposed Bruce-Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project. The purpose is limited to conducting legal and engineering surveys, soil testing, property appraisals, biological and archeological surveys and environmental investigations together with route access for testing-related vehicles and equipment, commencing in the spring of 2007. Hydro One indicated that delaying collection of information, beyond the spring, summer and fall of 2007, would delay the proposed in-service date of the Bruce-Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project beyond 2011.

The Board’s approval of the interim Order, if granted, would be solely to facilitate the collection of the information enumerated above and would not presume approval by the Board of Hydro One’s related application requesting leave to construct the Bruce-Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project.

The Bruce-Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project involves the proposed construction of approximately 180 kilometres of double-circuit 500 Kilovolt (“kV”)

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electricity transmission line adjacent to the existing transmission corridor (500 kV and/or 230 kV ). The proposed transmission line extends from the Bruce Power Facility in Kincardine Township to Hydro One's Milton Switching Station in the town of Milton, requiring related modifications at the Milton, Bruce A and Bruce B transmission stations. The target in-service date is the Fall of 2011. Hydro One was directed to file separate Notice of Application on all affected landowners in respect of the Bruce-Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project.

A map showing the location of the proposed facilities is shown in Attachment "A" to this Notice.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2007-0051 to this Access application.

### **Who Can Participate and How**

Directly affected landowners, who own property along the proposed right-of-way and were served with this Notice either personally, by courier, or by registered mail, can participate in this proceeding.

**Note: Under section 98 of the Act, Hydro One is required to attempt to reach agreement with landowners in respect of any damage to their properties resulting from access to their land. Failing agreement, any damages resulting from access to land will be determined in the manner set out in section 100 of the Act.**

This Access Application will be decided by way of written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. If you are an affected landowner and object to a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any objections to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the Applicant **within 10 days of the date this Notice was served.**

You can participate in two ways. You can either send a letter of comment or you can file a submission with the Board.

1. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail. Our e-mail address is Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Please include the application file reference number in the subject line of your e-mail.

2. If you wish to file a submission with the Board, please:
  - I. file such submission in writing setting out your views on this Access Application. The Board is primarily concerned with submissions regarding the Applicant's need for and the timing of access to the land of affected landowners, and will not deal with the related leave to construct application for the Bruce-Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project or matters pertaining thereto.
  - II. If you represent a group, provide a description of the group and its membership;
  - III. You must forward to the Board nine paper copies, and if possible, an electronic copy in Word format and in searchable PDF format, of your submission and provide copies to the Applicant at the addresses below. All submissions must be received **no later than 21 days after the date this Notice was served**.
  - IV. If Hydro One Networks Inc. wishes to respond to the submissions of affected landowners, such response must be filed with the Board and copied to any party that made submissions **no later than 28 days after the date this Notice was served**;
  - V. All submissions must quote **File No. EB-2007-0051**, and clearly state your name, postal address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, **and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date**.

### **Need More Information?**

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca) or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

### **IMPORTANT**

**IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING A SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.**

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**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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