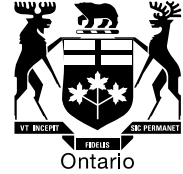


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July 16, 2007

Dear Participant:

RE: Oral Hearing Information - Application by Hydro One Inc. for Access to Land - Bruce to Milton Project – EB- 2007- 0051

The Ontario Energy Board is sending you this letter to provide you with information in preparation for the oral hearing scheduled to take place on **July 30 and 31, 2007** at:

*Best Western Orangeville Inn and Suites
7 Buena Vista Drive
Orangeville*

This letter will explain the following:

- The Purpose of the Oral Hearing
- How the Oral Hearing will Proceed
- How to Participate in the Oral Hearing

Purpose of the Oral Hearing - Access to Land Application

As you likely know from previous communications, there are two separate applications by Hydro One related to the Bruce to Milton project. One of these applications is for construction of a new transmission line between the Bruce Power Facility and the Milton Switching Station and is known as the **Leave to Construct Application**. The other application is for permission to access the land along the proposed route before the Board makes a decision on the Leave to Construct Application. This is the **Access to Land Application**. The oral hearing being held in Orangeville, starting at 9:30 a.m., on

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July 30, 2007 will be dealing only with the **Access to Land Application**. (The hearing for the **Leave to Construct Application** is scheduled to take place in January 2008. The Board will be providing further information regarding that hearing in due course.)

The purpose of the oral hearing on the Access to Land application is to examine the evidence filed by Hydro One in support of its **Access to Land Application** and to provide you or your counsel with an opportunity to cross-examine Hydro One's witnesses or/and to provide comment on Hydro One's application.

In summary, there are 3 issues which will be the focus of the oral hearing on the Access to Land Application:

1. The timing of the Application in relation to Environmental Assessment requirements.
2. The types of access activities to be allowed.
3. The requirements or conditions that Hydro One is to meet should they be granted access to your land.

The Issues List for the Access to Land proceeding was sent to you as part of Procedural Order No. 3 issued by the Board. For your convenience, the Issues List is attached to this letter. Participants in the oral hearing are reminded to focus their planned submissions to issues set out in the Issues List.

How the Oral Hearing will Proceed

The hearing will be adjudicated by a panel of three Board Members. At the start of the hearing, the Presiding Member will describe the purpose of the hearing and explain how the hearing will proceed. Board Staff will also be present to participate and assist other parties during the course of the hearing. Hydro One, as the applicant, will present witnesses and provide a brief overview of its application and supporting evidence. This will be followed by cross-examination of Hydro One witnesses by Board Staff and other parties. This part of the hearing will proceed in a formal court-like manner. Normally, legal counsel cross-examines witnesses, though participants may choose to cross-examine the witnesses themselves. This part of the hearing will be scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Monday, with a break for lunch. If this part of the hearing is not completed on Monday, then it will continue on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. and either be completed by 12:00 p.m. or continue in the evening.

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Following cross-examination of Hydro One's witnesses, the Board will hear oral comments. In order to provide the Board with an understanding of how many parties will be making comments we are asking that you inform the Board if you plan on doing so. In the oral hearing, the Board will make the best efforts to accommodate all requests to make oral comments, but if the time does not allow, the Board will accept written comments after the hearing should you choose to provide them. Any party representing a landowner group or acting as a spokesperson for a group that is present will be provided the opportunity to comment first. The oral comment part of the hearing will take place on Monday, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The panel will also hear oral comments on Tuesday beginning at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. The preliminary timetable for the oral hearing is attached to this letter.

The oral hearing will be transcribed by court reporters, and the transcripts will be available on Board's web site. The transcripts will become part of the record in this proceeding, and the cross-examination and oral comments will be taken into account when the panel makes its decision on the Access to Land application.

If You wish to Participate in the Oral Hearing

If you wish to actively participate in the oral hearing on issues that are listed in the attached Issues List, please e-mail to boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca or phone **Josh Wasylyk, Analyst at 1-888-632-6273 (Toll free) or 416- 440-7723 (Direct)** to advise the Board if you plan to cross examine Hydro One witnesses and/or if you would like to make oral comments and indicate the time when you plan to appear before the Board. Please refer to the attached timetable for the hearing schedule. If you wish to participate, you must contact the Board by July 25, 2007. This will assist us in setting adequate time for everyone who wishes to participate.

For more information on the Access to Land Application you can visit our web site – look for the “Bruce to Milton Transmission Proceeding” on our home page at www.oeb.gov.on.ca and it will provide you with links to documents on our process and procedures.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Peter H. O'Dell
Assistant Board Secretary

c. Ministry of Environment
Hydro One Networks Inc.

Attachments

Access to Land Application

by

Hydro One Networks Inc

Bruce-Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project

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ISSUES LIST

1. Is it appropriate to grant Permission to Access
 - a. In advance of the approved EA Terms of Reference , or
 - b. In advance of the submission of the proposed EA Terms of Reference to the Ministry of the Environment?
2. The OEB Act allows the Board to authorize early access to land to allow an applicant "to make such surveys and examinations as are necessary for fixing the site of the work". Are the early access activities proposed by Hydro One appropriate?
3. What conditions, if any, regarding the early access activities should the Board attach to its order under ss. 98 (1.1.) (a) ?

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ORAL HEARING TIMETABLE

(This Timetable maybe revised as needed)

Monday, July 30, 2007		
	9:30-12:00	Cross-examination
	12:00-1:00	Break
	1:00-3:30	Cross-examination
	3:30-4:00	Break
	4:00-5:30	Oral Comments
	5:30-6:30	Break
	6:30-8:00	Oral Comment

Tuesday, July 31, 2007		
	9:30-12:00	Cross-examination
	12:00-1:00	Break
	1:00-5:00	Oral Comments