

EB-2007-0920

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

# ENTRY ONTO LAND PRIOR TO DECISION ON LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT THE BRUCE TO MILTON TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") has filed an application (the "Entry onto Land Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated December 6, 2007 under section 98(1.1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B (the "Act"). This Entry onto Land Application was assigned Board File No. EB-2007-0920.

The Entry onto Land Application is related to an application by Hydro One filed with the Board on March 29, 2007, and amended on November 30, 2007, for leave to construct approximately 180 kilometres of double-circuit 500 Kilovolt ("kV") electricity transmission line (the "Amended Leave to Construct Application"). This transmission project is proposed to be located adjacent to the existing transmission corridor (500 kV and/or 230 kV) extending from the Bruce Power Facility in Kincardine Township to Hydro One's Milton Switching Station in the Town of Milton. It was assigned Board File No. EB-2007-0050. The Amended Leave to Construct Application indicates that Hydro One is studying local route alternatives in three areas. The potential local route changes are being examined in response to comments received by Hydro One during its ongoing consultation activities. These potential local route changes are shown on a location map as Appendix A to this Notice.

In this Entry onto Land Application, Hydro One is applying for an interim Order providing Hydro One and its agents leave to enter onto land affected by the potential route changes in the Camp Creek and Halton Hills areas. The purpose of the entry onto land

is to conduct legal and engineering surveys, soil testing, property appraisals, biological and archeological surveys, and environmental investigations.

Hydro One filed a similar application in March 2007 for leave to enter onto land along the entire length of the original proposed route. The Board assigned Board File No. EB-2007-0051 to that application. On August 20, 2007, the Board issued a Decision and Order granting Hydro One leave to enter onto land along the original proposed route, subject to certain conditions. That approval expires on April 1, 2009.

The Board's approval of the Entry onto Land Application, if granted, allows for the collection of information but does not imply that the Board will approve the Amended Leave to Construct Application. Although the two applications are related, the Board will not be considering issues relating to the Amended Leave to Construct Application through this Entry onto Land Application. The only purpose of the Entry onto Land Application is to determine if Hydro One should be granted an order allowing it to enter lands to fix the site for the possible new transmission line, and if so, what conditions should be attached to this order.

If the application is approved, Hydro One is required to attempt to reach agreement with landowners in respect of any damage to their properties resulting from entry onto their land. The Board does not set compensation amounts for any damages related to entry onto land. If you are unable to reach agreement with Hydro One on issues related to compensation for damages, then the provisions of the *Expropriations Act* apply, and the compensation for damages shall be determined under section 27 of that Act or by the Ontario Municipal Board.

#### Who Can Participate and How

Owners of directly affected property in the Camp Creek and Halton Hills areas identified in the Amended Leave to Construct Application have been served with this Notice either personally, by courier, or by registered mail, and may intervene in this proceeding.

This Entry onto Land Application will be decided by way of written hearing unless an intervenor satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. If you are a directly 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 30 days of the date this Notice was served.

If you wish to participate in the hearing, you must forward three copies of your request to be an intervenor to the Board Secretary and one copy to Hydro One at the addresses below. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your intervention request whether you expect to seek costs from Hydro One and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. (See the "Practice Direction on Cost Awards" on the Board's website at www.oeb.go.on.ca)

All requests for intervention must be received within **15 days** of the date this Notice was served. If Hydro One objects to a claim for cost eligibility, that objection shall be filed within 37 days after the service date of this Notice.

All correspondence must quote File No. EB-2007-0920, clearly state the sender's name and address, and be received by the Board Secretary by 4:45 p.m. on the required dates.

### **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 or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

#### <u>IMPORTANT</u>

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

## **ADDRESSES**

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Dated at Toronto, December 11, 2007 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project Camp Creek and Halton Hills Route Refinements

