

## Decision on Hydro One's Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Line and Station Facilities in the Niagara Area

On July 9, 2026, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its [Decision and Order](#) approving Hydro One Network Inc.'s (Hydro One) application to build a new electricity transmission project in the Niagara region. The project includes approximately 18.5 kilometers of new transmission lines and related infrastructure.

The OEB found Hydro One's project cost estimate of \$311.4 million to be reasonable, including \$234.9 million for transmission line work and \$76.5 million for station work. For a typical residential customer using 750 kWh per month, the estimated bill impact will be an increase of approximately \$0.11 per month or 0.07% (or about \$1.34 per year), before taxes and the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

The Independent Electricity System Operator's needs assessment identified the project as "key to the regional transmission plan recommended to address the growing demand in the region due to economic development, particularly in the manufacturing industries." The project is expected to provide up to 180 MW of additional transmission capacity, helping to meet future demand and improve system reliability.

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A key part of how we deliver on this mandate is through independent adjudication. When an application comes before us, the OEB applies a rigorous, impartial review that balances our legislated objectives and is free from interference.

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