ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD | COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO

# *BACKGROUNDER*

**DECISION AND ORDER**
**EB-2026-0018**
**HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**

## Decision on Hydro One's Application for Leave to Construct – Orléans Area Reinforcement Project

On November 26, 2026, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its Decision and Order granting Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) leave to construct a new approximately 10-kilometre,115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated facilities in the City of Ottawa as part of the Orléans Area Reinforcement Project, pursuant to section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Project). The Project includes the construction of a new transmission line between Hawthorne Transformer Station (TS) and Orléans TS predominantly on an existing transmission corridor. The OEB also approved the forms of land use agreements that Hydro One has offered, or will offer, to affected landowners.

### FAST FACTS

- The project will increase electricity supply capacity to the Orléans community and support growing electricity demand driven by population growth and electrification.
- The OEB found:
    - The Project is in the public interest after considering the interests of consumers with respect to prices, reliability and quality of electricity service and support for economic growth in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario.
    - Hydro One's estimated capital cost of $99.9 million to be reasonable.
- Hydro One estimates that the Project will increase a typical residential customer's bill by approximately $0.01 per year.

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