

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

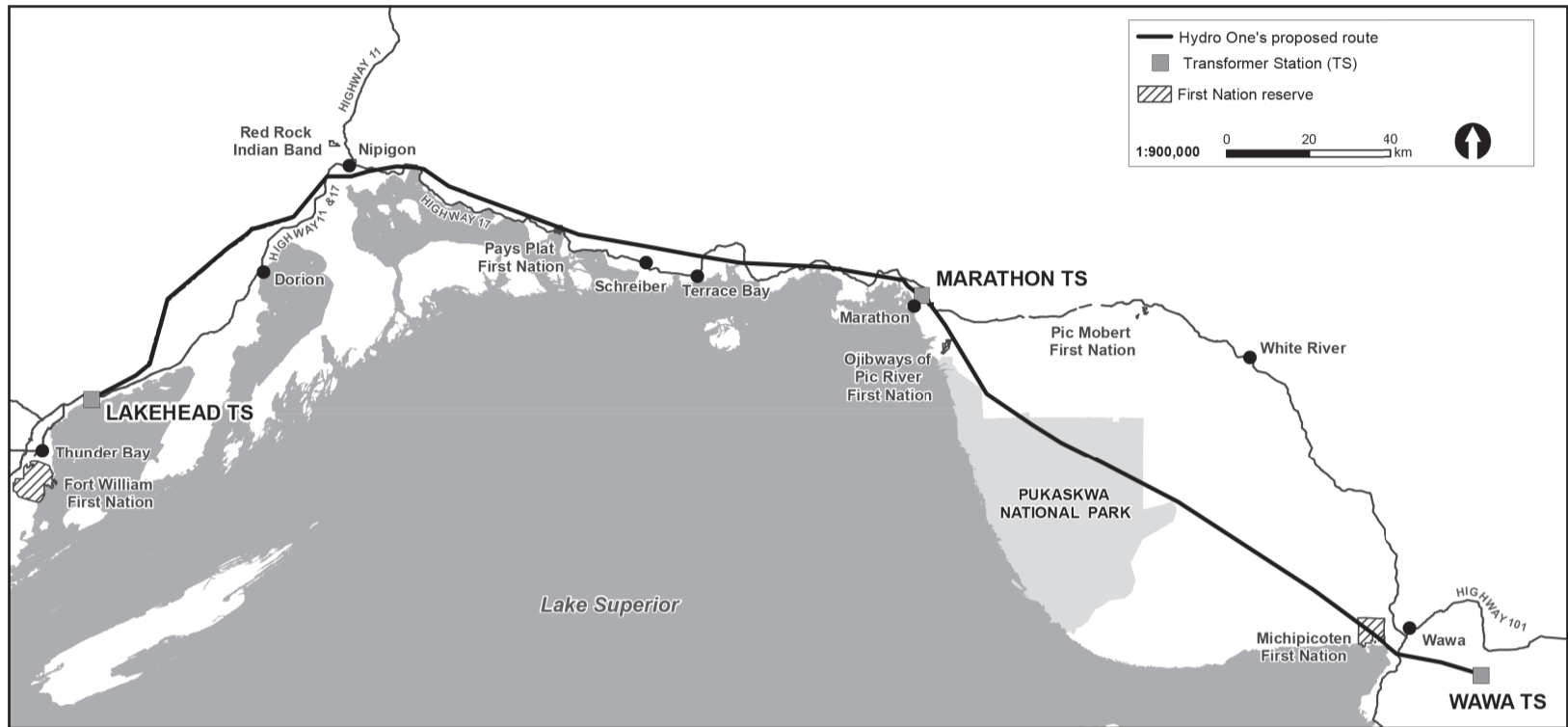
Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build a high-voltage transmission line.

Learn more.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for permission to expand the electricity transmission network in the area between Wawa and Thunder Bay. This involves the construction of approximately 403 kilometres of 230 kilovolt overhead electricity transmission line connecting Lakehead Transformer Station and Wawa Transformer Station (Lake Superior Link Project).

Hydro One Networks Inc. is also asking the OEB to approve the form of agreement it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed Lake Superior Link Project.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is below.



THE OEB IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One Networks Inc.'s requests. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Hydro One Networks Inc. and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected.

The OEB hearing will consider specific issues determined by law. The *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these issues are.

As required by the Act, the OEB will consider three issues:

- The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service;
- The promotion of the use of renewable energy sources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario; and
- The form of agreement that Hydro One Networks Inc. offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council made an order effective March 4, 2016 declaring that the expansion or reinforcement of the electricity transmission network in the area between Wawa and Thunder Bay is needed as a priority project (Priority Project Designation). The Priority Project Designation affects the OEB's review of an application for leave to construct an electricity transmission line. In particular, the OEB is required to accept that the construction is needed when it considers the three issues listed above. The Priority Project Designation is available under the "Priority Transmission Projects" section on the OEB's website: <https://www.oeb.ca/industry/policy-initiatives-and-consultations/priority-transmission-projects>

The OEB hearing is not the only approval process required before a line is built. For example, most transmission lines are subject to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' environmental assessment process. The OEB's review will only address the three issues outlined above and will not address other matters, such as environmental, health, aesthetics or property value impacts.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding **Hydro One Networks Inc.**'s application

and to be involved in the process.

- You can view Hydro One Networks Inc.'s application on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can ask the OEB for permission to be an active participant in the hearing (an intervenor). Intervenors can provide evidence, argue their positions and submit relevant questions to be answered by **Hydro One Networks Inc.** (interrogatories). To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider. If you wish to be an intervenor, the OEB must receive your request by **September 4, 2018.**

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2017-0364**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to read the documents related to this case, please enter the File No. **EB-2017-0364** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/noticeltc. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL AND WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine later in the process whether to hold an oral or a written hearing in this case. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **September 4, 2018.**

PRIVACY

If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the OEB's public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will be public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all your information will be public.

This hearing will be held under sections 92 and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

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