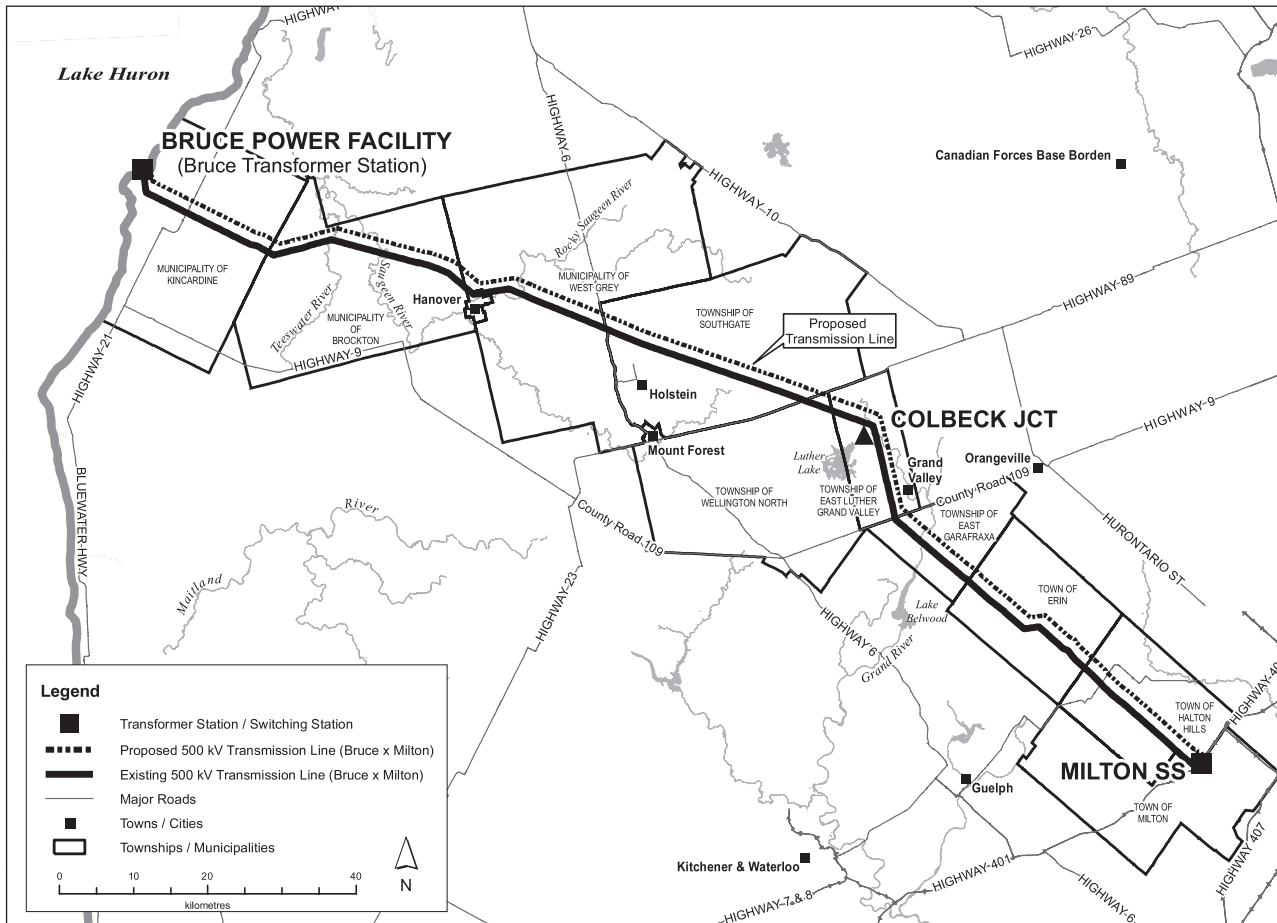


# NOTIFICATION

## Commencement of the Environmental Assessment of the Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project

### Terms of Reference

ONTARIO'S NEW CLEAN ENERGY CORRIDOR



#### The Environmental Assessment Process

The Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project EA is being undertaken in accordance with the Act. The first step in the process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference. If approved, the Terms of Reference will provide the framework for the preparation of the environmental assessment. The Terms of Reference will set out Hydro One's work plan for addressing the requirements of the Act when completing the environmental assessment.

#### Consultation

Members of the public, property owners, stakeholder groups, First Nations and Metis groups, government agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process including the development of the Terms of Reference by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned throughout the planning process. A first round of Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held in communities along the proposed transmission line to provide information about the project and the approvals processes, and to obtain input from residents, farmers, business owners and other interested stakeholders in the area. We will also be seeking input from First Nations and Metis groups through a separate engagement process. We encourage you to attend one of the PICs, where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the project, provide your input, and discuss any issues or concerns with our project team.

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") has initiated a Project under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* (the "Act") to build an approximately 180 kilometre double circuit 500,000 volt (500 kV) transmission line on a widened existing transmission corridor connecting the Bruce Power facility ("Bruce") in Kincardine to Hydro One's switching station in Milton ("Milton").

The Bruce to Milton line will provide the capability to reliably and safely transmit approximately 3000 additional megawatts of electricity from the Bruce area to southern Ontario and support the Province's climate change and clean air initiatives. The Province's newest clean energy corridor will deliver emission-free power from new wind generation, and the refurbished Bruce Power nuclear units. The earliest in-service date for the new line is the end of 2011.

The Ontario Power Authority (OPA), the provincial agency responsible for developing a long-term Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP) for the Province, has determined the need for this transmission line, the timing and the preferred route. The OPA's analysis looked at various options to increase the capacity of the electricity transmission system in southwestern Ontario. Its final recommendation considers the technical requirements, total system capacity, provincial land use policy and the overall cost to Ontario electricity consumers.

The OPA has recommended that Hydro One begin the approvals process required to build the new 500 kV line from Bruce to Milton. The new line is expected to be located immediately adjacent to the existing transmission line on a widened corridor. Additional easement interests of approximately 53 m to 61 m (175 - 200 feet) in width adjacent to the existing corridor will be required as shown on the study area map. In a limited number of cases, property purchases will be required where homes or buildings occupy the widened corridor.

Please be advised that any of your personal information contained in your submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and may be released, if requested, to any person unless your submission states that you do not consent to your personal information becoming part of the public record files and disclosed to any person upon request.

#### Public Information Centres

Monday, April 30, 4 - 8 p.m.  
Best Western Governor's Inn  
791 Durham Street, Kincardine

Tuesday, May 1, 4 - 8 p.m.  
Hanover Regional Aquatic Centre, Auditorium  
269 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hanover

Wednesday, May 2, 4 - 8 p.m.  
Egremont Optimist Centre  
392137 Concession 2, Holstein

Thursday, May 3, 4 - 8 p.m.  
Marsville Community Hall  
191282 13<sup>th</sup> Line, Marsville

Monday, May 7, 4 - 8 p.m.  
Grand Valley and District Community Centre  
Grand River Room  
90 Main Street North, Grand Valley

Tuesday, May 8, 4 - 8 p.m.  
Erin Community Centre/Erin Centre 2000  
Shamrock Room  
14 Boland Drive, Erin

Wednesday, May 9, 4 - 8 p.m.  
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 197  
15 Wright Avenue, Acton

#### If you wish to be added to the project mailing list or would like further information about the project, and any future public meetings, contact:

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For more information about the Ontario Power Authority and the need for the new transmission line, visit [www.powerauthority.on.ca](http://www.powerauthority.on.ca).

For further information visit [www.HydroOneNetworks.com/BrucetoMilton](http://www.HydroOneNetworks.com/BrucetoMilton)



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