



Ontario

EB-2010-0023

APPLICATION BY HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO EXPROPRIATE INTEREST IN CERTAIN LANDS NOTICE OF APPLICATION

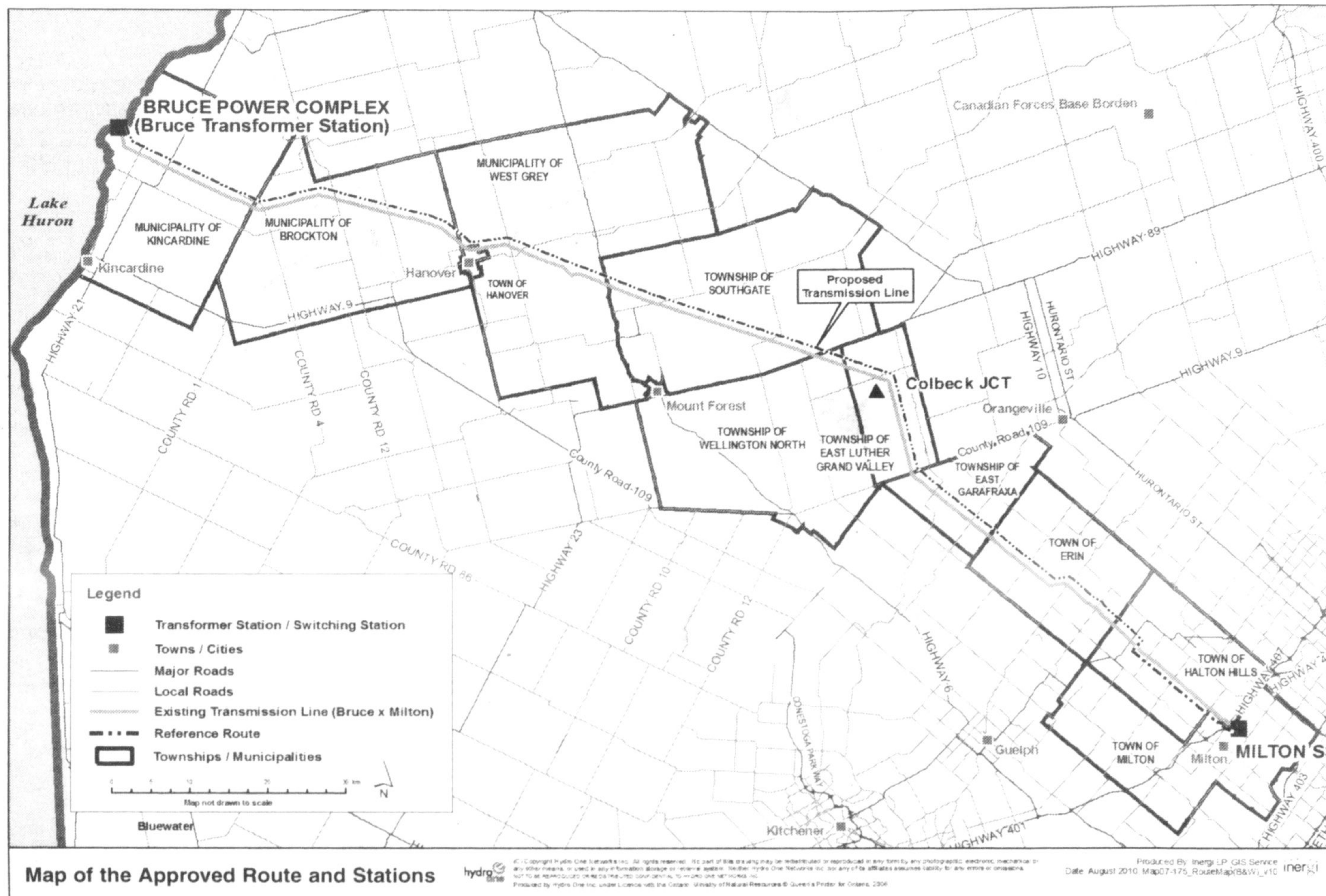
Background

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") has filed an application (the "Application"), dated February 26, 2010, with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 99 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B) (the "Act") for authority to expropriate certain interests in lands for the purpose of constructing and operating a new 500 kilovolt double circuit transmission line known as the Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project (the "Project") located between the Bruce Power Complex in Kincardine, Ontario and Hydro One's switching station in Milton, Ontario.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2010-0023 to this application.

Hydro One was granted leave of the Board to construct the Project on September 15, 2008 pursuant to Board Decision EB-2007-0050. The Project will be constructed immediately adjacent to the existing transmission corridor extending from the Bruce Power Complex on the Lake Huron shore in the Municipality of Kincardine and will proceed in a south by south-east direction to Hydro One's Milton Switching Station located south-east of the interchange of James Snow Parkway and Highway 401 in the Town of Milton. A map showing the location of the approved route for the Project is included in this Notice.

On November 27, 2009, the Ontario Minister of the Environment granted Notice of Approval to Proceed with the Undertaking in respect of the Project in accordance with section 9 of the Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. E-18.



Project Land Requirements

Hydro One requires new permanent easement interests in land for the construction and ongoing operation of the Project. Temporary easements will also be required during the period of construction for off-corridor access and construction activities. The new permanent easements will range from 53 to 61 metres in width depending on the width of the adjacent existing transmission corridor and in order to accommodate the overhead transmission line and supporting structures. In limited circumstances Hydro One is seeking authority to expropriate the fee simple interest in the owner's full parcel.

Hydro One advised that, following the issuance of Board Decision EB-2007-0050 granting leave to construct the Project, it notified all directly affected land owners of its intention to present offers to voluntarily acquire land interests required for the Project. There are a total of 355 properties affected. Voluntary settlements have since been reached for many of these properties. Hydro One is now seeking approval to expropriate the remaining properties over which a voluntary settlement has not been reached.

The Ontario Energy Board will be scheduling an oral hearing in this proceeding in the fall of 2010. All persons with a direct interest in any of the lands proposed for expropriation are entitled to participate in this proceeding. All persons with an interest in an affected piece of property that is registered on title have been notified directly; however those with an interest in the land that is not registered (for example, tenants) are entitled to participate as well.

If, after a hearing, the Board is of the opinion that the proposed expropriations are in the public interest, it may make an order authorizing Hydro One to expropriate the lands under subsection 99(5) of the Act.

How to Participate

If you wish to actively participate in the proceeding, you may request intervenor status. Your request must be made by letter of intervention received no later than **September 20, 2010** from the last publication date of this notice. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. Information regarding cost awards can be found in the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards available on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the Applicant.

You must file two paper copies and an electronic copy of your intervention request with the Board. If you already have a user ID, please submit the electronic copy of your intervention request through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-Filing Services" page on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines also found on the "e-Filing Services" webpage. Alternately, the electronic copy of your intervention request may be submitted by e-mail at the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit the electronic copy of their intervention request on a CD in pdf format.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this notice please reference Board file number EB-2010-0023. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address, telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Letters of intervention must be sent to the Board by regular mail to the address below. Please remember that you must send a copy of your request for intervention to the applicant at the address listed below.

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