



Ontario
 Executive Council
 Conseil des ministres

**Order in Council
 Décret**

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council, orders that:

Sur la recommandation du soussigné, le lieutenant-gouverneur, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Conseil des ministres, décrète ce qui suit:

WHEREAS Ontario considers it necessary to expand Ontario's transmission system in order to maintain a reliable and cost-effective supply of electricity in the Province's Northwest, increase operational flexibility, reduce congestion payments and remove a barrier to resource development in the region;

AND WHEREAS Ontario considers the expansion or reinforcement of the electricity transmission network in the area between Wawa and Thunder Bay composed of the high-voltage circuits connecting Wawa TS with Lakehead TS (the "East-West Tie Line Project"), with an in service date of 2020, to be a priority;

AND WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make an order under section 96.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") declaring that the construction, expansion or reinforcement of an electricity transmission line specified in the order is needed as a priority project;

AND WHEREAS an order under section 96.1 of the Act requires the Ontario Energy Board, in considering an application under section 92 of the Act in respect of the electricity transmission line specified in the order, to accept that the construction, expansion or reinforcement is needed when forming its opinion under section 96 of the Act;

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby declared pursuant to section 96.1 of the Act that the construction of the East-West Tie Line Project is needed as a priority project, and that the present order shall take effect on the day that section 96.1 of the Act comes into force.

Recommended: _____
 Minister of Energy

Concurred: David Zimmer
 Chair of Cabinet

Approved and Ordered: MAR 02 2016
 Date

[Signature]
 Administrator of the Government