

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to expropriate interests in certain lands in northwestern Ontario.

Learn More. Have your say.

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. operating as NextBridge Infrastructure is asking the Ontario Energy Board for permission to expropriate interests in certain lands to construct and operate a new double circuit 230 kilovolt overhead electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa in northwestern Ontario (East-West Tie Project).

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. requires several permanent and temporary easement agreements for the construction and operation of the East-West Tie Project and states that it has been unable to reach negotiated agreements in respect of 23 parcels of land along the route of the transmission line.

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. has identified you as an owner or encumbrancer of the lands over which it is seeking approval to expropriate an interest. A copy of the property description, survey and aerial map showing the lands for which Upper Canada Transmission Inc. is seeking expropriation is attached to this notice.

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc.'s application is about the expropriation of certain specific lands only. It is not about compensation.

Under a separate Decision and Order, dated February 11, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board granted Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. leave to construct the East-West Tie Project.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Upper Canada Transmission, Inc.'s request. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. and by others whose interests would be affected. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant Upper Canada Transmission, Inc.'s request.

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 consumers with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

The OEB hearing will consider specific issues determined by law. The *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* 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.

- The OEB will consider the public interest when making any order authorizing Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. to expropriate land;
- The OEB does not have the authority to determine the amount of compensation payable; and
- If the OEB authorizes Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. to expropriate and the parties do not agree upon compensation, the compensation must be determined under the *Expropriations Act* or by the Board of Negotiations, which is part of the Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process. You can:

- Review Upper Canada Transmission, Inc.'s application on the OEB's website now;
- File a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing;

- Become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **June 20, 2019** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding;
- At the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

Note that to be an intervenor you must be affected by the expropriation in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider.

LEARN MORE

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 select the file no. **EB-2019-0127** from the list on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/noticeltc.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **June 20, 2019**.

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 application was filed under section 99 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B*.

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