

Notice of Completion of the Draft Environmental Study Report Supply to Essex County Transmission Reinforcement

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has completed the draft Environmental Study Report for the Supply to Essex County Transmission Reinforcement Project. Based on an analysis of technical, environmental and socio-economic factors, and public and stakeholder feedback, Hydro One is proposing the staged construction of the following new transmission facilities (see map) to reinforce the electricity transmission system in Essex County and ensure an adequate and reliable supply of power for the future:

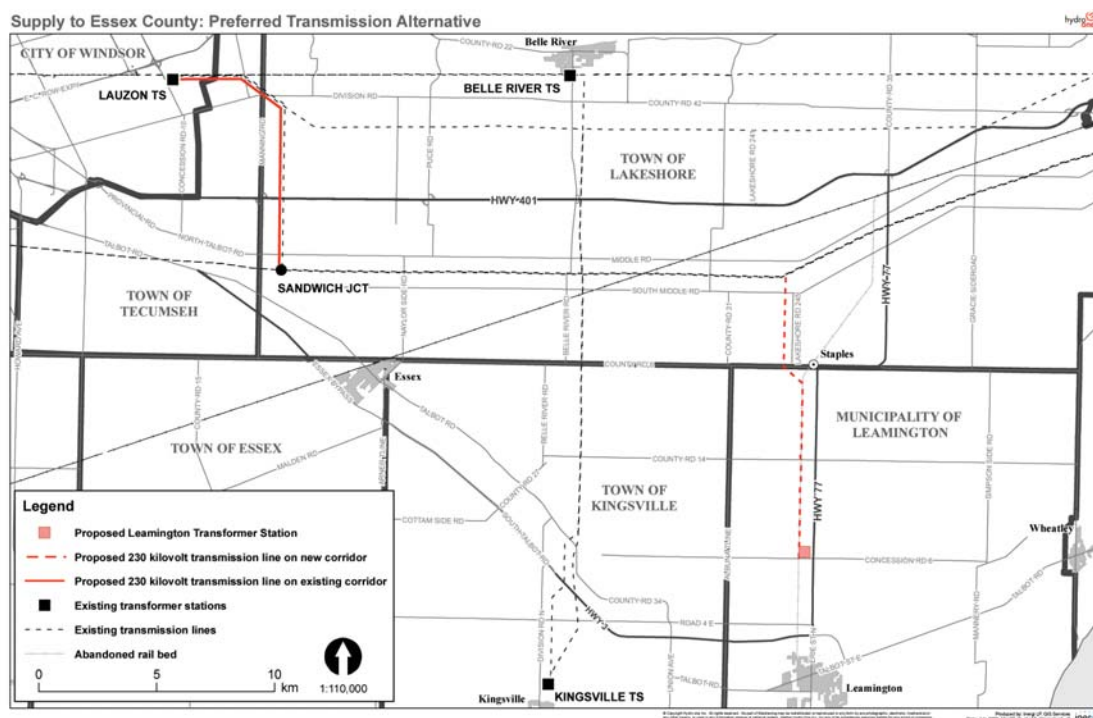
- Stage 1: a new transformer station (TS) on Concession Road 6 in the Municipality of Leamington and a new double circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line on a new corridor to connect the station to the existing 230 kV lines south of Highway 401 in the Town of Lakeshore; and
- Stage 2: an additional double circuit 230 kV transmission line on the existing transmission corridor between Sandwich Junction and Lauzon TS in the City of Windsor.

This study was conducted in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities*, approved under the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act*. Construction of the proposed facilities is also subject to Section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. Hydro One is planning to submit an application to the Ontario Energy Board later this year seeking approval to construct the first stage of this project, with a targeted in-service date of 2013 for the Leamington TS and connector line.

How to Submit Your Input

In accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment process, Hydro One is making the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) available for public review and comment for 30 days, from February 11, 2010 to March 12, 2010. The draft ESR can be viewed or downloaded from Hydro One's website: www.HydroOne.com/projects. A copy of the draft ESR is available in the Clerk's department at the following municipal offices, and at the public libraries listed below.

Municipality of Leamington 38 Erie Street North Tel: 519-326-5761	Leamington Library 1 John Street Tel: 519-326-3441
Town of Lakeshore 419 Notre Dame Street Belle River Tel: 519-728-2700	Tecumseh Library 13675 St. Gregory's Road Tel: 519-735-3670
Town of Tecumseh 917 Lesperance Road Tel: 519-735-2184	Forest Glade – Optimist Library 3211 Forest Glade Drive Windsor Tel: 519-255-6770
Comber Library 6400 Main Street Tel: 519-687-2832	Woodslee Library 1925 South Middle Road Tel: 519-975-2433
Kingsville Library 28 Division Street South Tel: 519-733-5620	



Written questions or comments on the draft ESR must be received by Hydro One no later than 4:30 p.m. E.S.T. on Friday, March 12, 2010. Please address correspondence to:

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Hydro One will respond to and make best efforts to resolve any issues raised by concerned parties during the public review period. If no concerns are expressed, the ESR will be finalized and filed with the Ministry of the Environment. The project will be considered acceptable and will proceed as outlined in the draft ESR.

The *Environmental Assessment Act* has provisions that allow interested parties to ask for a higher level of assessment for a Class EA project if they feel that outstanding issues have not been adequately addressed by Hydro One. This higher level of assessment is referred to as a Part II Order request. Such requests must be addressed in writing to the Minister of the Environment and received no later than 4:30 p.m. E.S.T. on March 12, 2010, at the following address:

Ministry of the Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

Please note that a duplicate copy of a Part II Order request must also be sent to Hydro One at the address noted above.