

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

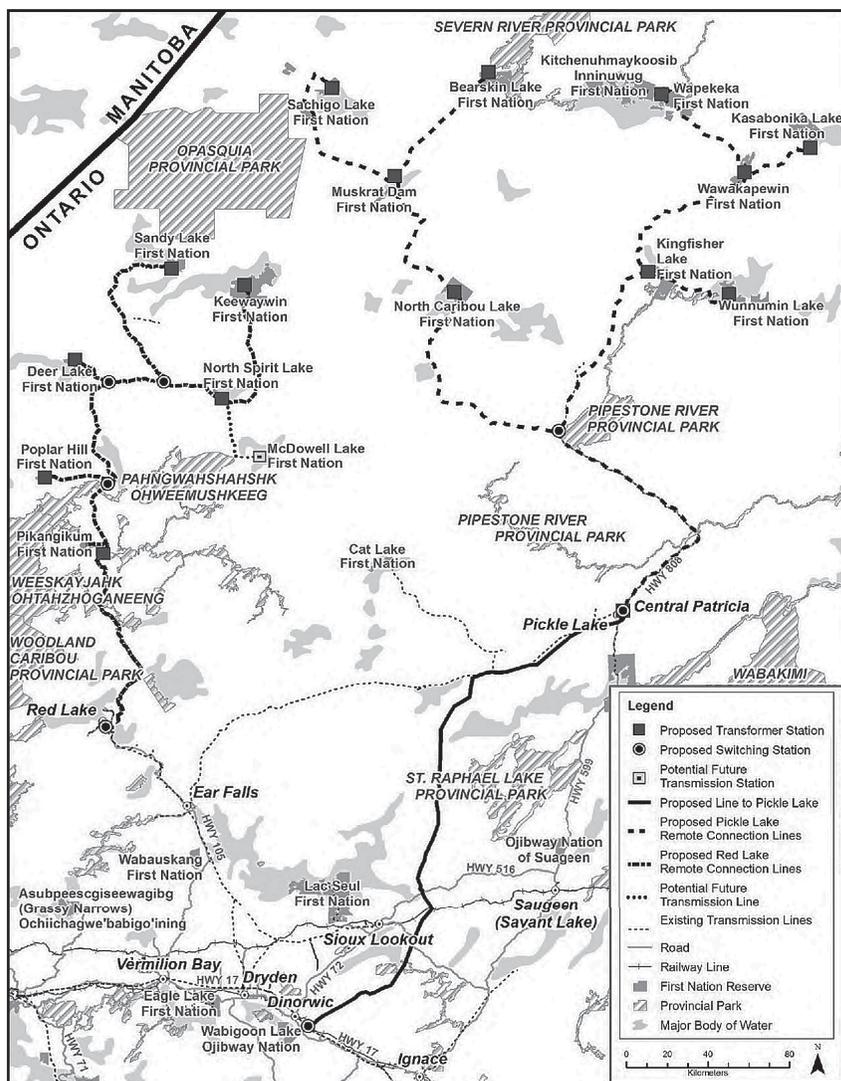
Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP (Wataynikaneyap Power) has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build new transmission lines and associated facilities in northwestern Ontario.

Learn more.

Wataynikaneyap Power is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for permission to construct a total of approximately 1,724 kilometres of electricity transmission lines and associated facilities in northwestern Ontario. The transmission lines will connect sixteen remote First Nation communities (and permit the potential future connection of an additional community) north of Pickle Lake and Red Lake to the provincial electricity grid. This involves the construction of:

- Approximately 303 kilometres of a 230 kilovolt transmission line and associated facilities. The proposed transmission line will originate at a point near Dinorwic and terminate at Pickle Lake
- Approximately 890 kilometres of 115 kilovolt, 44 kilovolt and 25 kilovolt transmission lines running north from Pickle Lake and associated facilities. The transmission lines will connect to distribution systems operated or to be operated by Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. which serve or will serve customers in ten remote First Nation communities
- Approximately 531 kilometres of 115 kilovolt and 25 kilovolt transmission lines running north from Red Lake and associated facilities. The transmission lines will connect to distribution systems operated or to be operated by Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. which serve or will serve customers in six remote First Nation communities

A map of the proposed route for the transmission lines is provided below.



Wataynikaneyap Power is also asking the OEB to:

- Approve the forms of agreements **Wataynikaneyap Power** has offered or will offer to private landowners to use their lands for routing or constructing the proposed transmission lines and associated facilities
- Grant **Wataynikaneyap Power** authority to construct portions of the proposed transmission lines and associated facilities upon, under or over a highway, utility line or ditch
- Determine that certain segments of the proposed transmission lines are part of **Wataynikaneyap Power's** transmission system notwithstanding that the operating voltages of these segments will be less than 50 kilovolts
- Determine that the proposed transmission line to Pickle Lake and the proposed transmission lines extending north from Red Lake and Pickle Lake are in accordance with the scope recommended or supported, as applicable, by the Independent Electricity System Operator
- Amend **Wataynikaneyap Power's** electricity transmission licence to reflect a more detailed description of the transmission lines and associated facilities and approve and reflect certain exemptions from the OEB's Transmission System Code.
- Approve a cost recovery framework for the proposed transmission lines and associated facilities
- Approve a deferral account to track construction costs

THE OEB IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider **Wataynikaneyap Power's** requests. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by **Wataynikaneyap Power** and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected.

While the OEB's review will consider all of the requests noted above, when considering the request for approval to construct the proposed transmission lines and associated facilities, the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) specifies the issues the OEB can consider. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these issues are.

As required by the Act, the OEB will consider three issues in relation to the request to build the proposed transmission lines and associated facilities:

- The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service



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- The promotion of the use of renewable energy sources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario
- The forms of agreements that **Wataynikaneyap Power** offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission lines

The Lieutenant Governor in Council made an order effective July 20, 2016 declaring that the construction of electricity transmission lines to Pickle Lake and extending north from Red Lake and Pickle Lake required to connect sixteen named remote First Nation communities to the provincial electricity grid are needed as “priority projects” (Priority Project Designation). The Priority Project Designation affects the OEB’s review of an application for approval to construct an electricity transmission line. In particular, the OEB is required to accept that the construction is needed when it considers the three issues listed above. The Priority Project Designation is available under the “Priority Transmission Projects” section of the OEB’s website at: <https://www.oeb.ca/industry/policy-initiatives-and-consultations/priority-transmission-projects#pickle>.

The OEB hearing is not the only approval process required before a line is built.

For example, most transmission lines are subject to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks’ environmental assessment process. The OEB’s review will only address the three factors outlined above and will not address other factors, such as environmental, health, aesthetics or property value impacts.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding **Wataynikaneyap Power’s** application and to be involved in the process.

- You can view **Wataynikaneyap Power’s** application on the OEB’s website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can ask the OEB for permission to be an active participant in the hearing (an intervenor). Intervenors can provide evidence, argue their positions and submit relevant questions to be answered by **Wataynikaneyap Power** (interrogatories).

To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the application in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider. If you wish to be an intervenor, the OEB must receive your request by **October 9, 2018**.

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 enter the file no.

EB-2018-0190 on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/noticeltrc. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Wataynikaneyap Power has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **October 9, 2018**.

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.

Wataynikaneyap Power’s application was filed under sections 74, 78, 84, 92, 97 and 101 of the Act.

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