

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

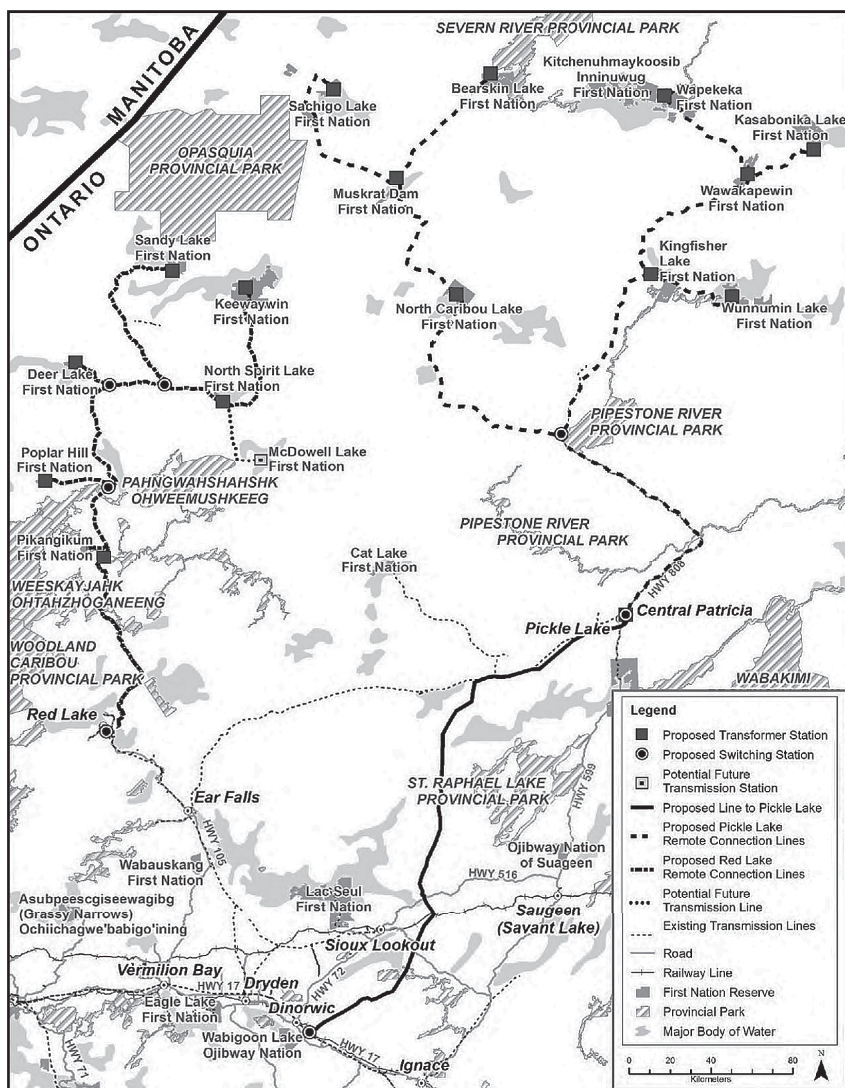
Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP (Wataynikaneyap Power) has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build new transmission lines and associated facilities in northwestern Ontario.

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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