Bowmanville Switching Station expansion

Notice of Commencement

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As industry and business grows in Ontario, so does the need for safe, clean and reliable power. In a report published in February 2024, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) identified the need to connect new generation and create new transmission capacity for future growth through regional planning initiatives.

To support this growing electricity demand, Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to expand its Bowmanville Switching Station (SS) to accommodate future generation and load growth in the region.

Project description

The project will include expanding the 500-kilovolt Bowmanville SS to connect Ontario Power Generation's Darlington new nuclear project to Hydro One's transmission network and ensure a reliable supply of electricity to meet increased energy demands. A map of the project study area is included below.

The Class EA process

The Class EA will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities" (Class EA, 2024), in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. This process applies to routine transmission infrastructure projects and ensures that potential indigenous, natural environment, economic, social, and cultural factors are carefully considered before a project begins.

Following successful completion of the Class EA process, construction is anticipated to begin in early 2027 and be completed by 2032.



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We'd like to hear from you

Early, meaningful and open engagement is a top priority for Hydro One. Receiving input from Indigenous communities, members of the public, businesses, government agencies, and other interested parties will be instrumental to inform the Class EA and project.

We invite you to share your comments or questions with us. You can also email us to join our project contact list to receive updates about the project.





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