

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

PROPOSED LAKE ERIE CONNECTOR

FROM NANTICOKE, ONTARIO TO ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

ITC Lake Erie Connector LLC (ITC Lake Erie) is proposing to construct and operate an international power line called the Lake Erie Connector Project (Lake Erie Connector or the Project). The proposed Lake Erie Connector is an approximately 120 km 1,000 megawatt (MW) high-voltage direct current (HVDC) bi-directional electric transmission interconnection to transfer electricity between Canada (Haldimand County, Ontario) and the United States (Erie County, Pennsylvania). This proposed Project will enhance grid reliability and stability, and will also enable the delivery of excess energy generated in Ontario to meet the growing demand for electricity in parts of the U.S.A. The proposed Project will use proven and existing HVDC technology. Two HVDC cables approximately six inches in diameter will connect a converter station in Haldimand County to another converter station in Pennsylvania, crossing beneath Lake Erie.

The proposed Project will have minimal visual and environmental impact because the majority of the cable length will be located underground and underwater.

The Process: As the proposed Project would form an international energy link between Canada and the United States through Lake Erie, the requirements outlined by the *National Energy Board Act* (September 2013) apply. ITC Lake Erie anticipates submitting an application to the National Energy Board (NEB) in support of the proposed Project in the Spring of 2015, in accordance with the requirements of the *NEB Act* and the *Electricity Filing Manual* (July 2013).

As part of this process, ITC Lake Erie is conducting an Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment for the proposed Project that fulfills the NEB's requirements including a description of the environmental and socio-economic setting of the Project area, an assessment of the environmental and cumulative effects of the Project, and information regarding inspection, monitoring, and follow-up during construction and operation of the Project. The results of the assessment will be documented in the NEB application which will be available for public and agency review.



Consultation and Public Open House: ITC Lake Erie is committed to conducting a comprehensive consultation program for the proposed Project. This Open House will present updated project information including: the preferred on-land and underwater cable routes, details regarding the Haldimand Converter Station site, results of technical studies and the environmental and socio-economic assessment as completed to-date, and next steps. This Open House provides the opportunity to meet the project team, learn more about the Project and to provide comments and ask questions of the project team. ITC Lake Erie welcomes and appreciates your input and invites you to attend our drop-in style public open house for the Project scheduled for:

**March 4th, 2015
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Nanticoke Community Hall
38 Rainham Road
Nanticoke, Ontario**

Your input is important and the submission of comments or questions is encouraged at any time. Comments or questions may be submitted via the project website at (<http://www.itclakeerieconnector.com/index.php/contact-us>), or by contacting the following project team members:

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