

# NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT AND PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

## PROPOSED LAKE ERIE CLEANPOWER CONNECTOR FROM NANTICOKE, ONTARIO TO ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

Lake Erie Power Corp (LEPC) is developing the Lake Erie CleanPower Connector (the "Project"), a 1,000 MW High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission line that connects Ontario to Pennsylvania. This proposed Project will enhance grid reliability and stability, and will also enable the delivery of excess clean energy generated in Ontario to meet the growing demand for electricity in Pennsylvania. The proposed Project will use proven and existing HVDC technology and deliver energy from a converter station that would be built in the vicinity of Nanticoke, Ontario, located on the north shore of Lake Erie. Two six inch diameter cables connected to the converter station would then be placed beneath Lake Erie. The cables then cross the international border to the United States exiting at the Pennsylvania shoreline where it would connect to another converter station.

Creating an estimated 300 jobs during the two year construction period, the proposed Project will have minimal visual and environmental impact by burying the majority, if not all, of the cables 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. LEPC anticipates submitting an application to the National Energy Board (NEB) in support of the proposed Project in the summer of 2014, in accordance with the requirements of the *NEB Act* and the *Electricity Filing Manual* (July 2013).

As part of this process, LEPC will conduct 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, proposed mitigation measures, an assessment of the environmental effects, cumulative effects, and information regarding inspection, monitoring, and follow-up. The results of the assessment will be documented in the NEB application which will be released for public and agency review.



**Consultation and Public Open House:** LEPC is committed to conducting a comprehensive consultation program for the proposed Project. Consultation with potentially affected parties such as agencies, Aboriginal communities, and the public are fundamental components of the Project development process. Consultation activities such as public open houses provide interested parties the opportunity to meet the project team, learn more about the Project and to provide comments and questions. Additional consultation activities are planned throughout the permitting process and will be advertised in local newspapers, on the Project's website (<http://www.cleanpowerconnector.com>) and by direct mail-out and communication. LEPC would appreciate your input and welcomes your attendance at our drop-in style public open house for the Project scheduled for:

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**And**  
**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 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.cleanpowerconnector.com/contact-us>), via email at [info@lakeeriewpower.com](mailto:info@lakeeriewpower.com) or by contacting the following project team members:

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