

Notice of Commencement of Class Environmental Assessment and Invitation to a Public Meeting

Napanee Battery Energy Storage System Project

Napanee BESS Inc., a joint venture between Atura Power and Ameresco, is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Napanee Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project. The project is located adjacent to Atura Power's Napanee Generating Station (NGS) and Ontario Power Generation's Lennox Generating Station (LGS) in the Town of Greater Napanee.

Project Description

The project is proposed to occur in two phases, that together, will include the construction of battery energy storage units, transformer stations (TS), transmission connection facilities, and ancillary components. The project will ultimately provide a maximum of 500 megawatts (MW) of power storage and up to four hours of electricity output available during periods of high electricity grid demand. The project will use some of the existing infrastructure but will be a standalone facility, operating independently of the NGS and LGS. Currently, only Phase 1 of the project has been approved by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), and includes commissioning of a 250 MW BESS facility, TS, and tap line. Feasibility studies are currently underway for Phase 2, which includes the remaining 250 MW of power storage.

Need for the Project

Napanee BESS is committed to building a resilient electricity grid in Ontario and is working to address the energy supply shortfall that Ontario is projected to experience in the near future. The proposed project is part of efforts to address this supply gap and to make energy production more efficient and affordable.

Class Environmental Assessment Process

While the battery storage units are not subject to an EA, the proposed TSs are subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Class EA for MTF) (www.hydroone.com/ClassEA) in accordance with Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*. It is anticipated that the Class EA Screening process for smaller scale projects with minimal environmental effects will be followed, subject to Napanee BESS satisfying the screening criteria outlined in the Class EA for MTF.

Public Meeting

Napanee BESS is committed to engaging Indigenous communities, the public and other stakeholders on all our projects. We invite you to attend an upcoming public meeting to learn more and provide feedback.

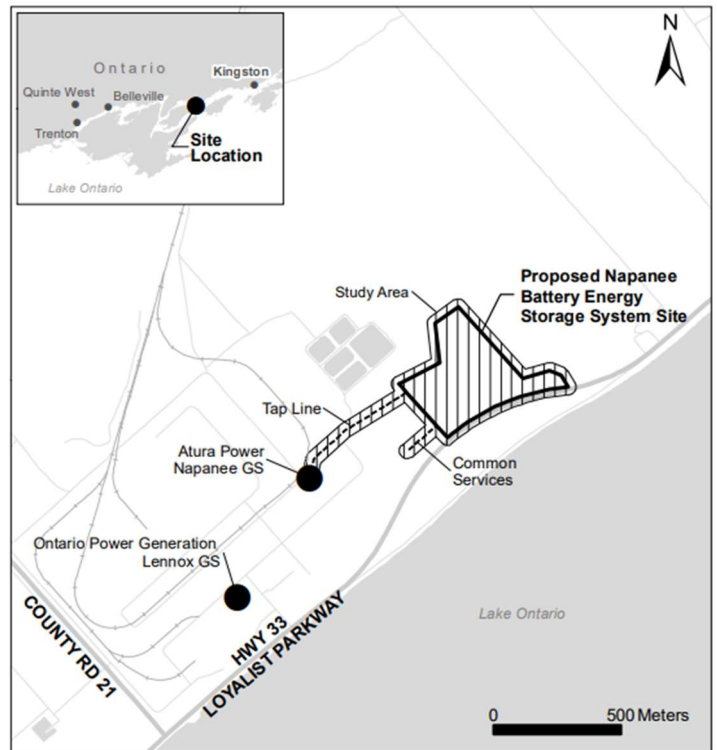
Date: June 28, 2023
Time: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: South Fredericksburg Hall
2478 County Rd. 8
Greater Napanee, Ont.

Project Contacts

If you are unable to participate, meeting materials will be posted on the project webpage (www.napaneebess.ca) for review following the meeting. For project questions or comments please mail or email them to:

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