

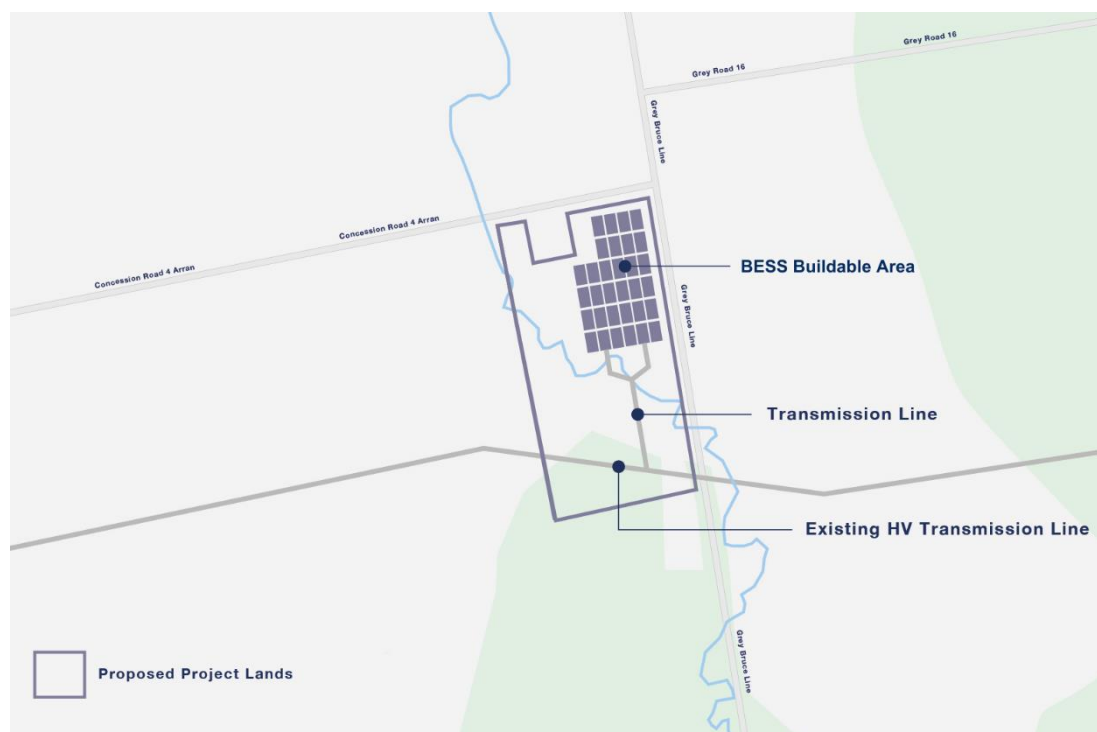
Notice of Commencement: Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities

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Neoen is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities (Class EA for TF) for Tara BESS, a battery energy storage system (BESS) proposed for development in the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie.

About the Project

Tara BESS, formerly Grey Owl Storage, is a 400-megawatt (MW), 1600-megawatt hour (MWh) capacity standalone battery energy storage system (BESS) proposed for development in the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, approximately 5-kilometres southeast of the Village of Tara. The project was awarded a 20-year contract by Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), through IESO's "long-term 1" (LT1) RFP procurement. Tara BESS is one of ten energy storage contracts awarded in the LT1 procurement to meet Ontario's growing electricity needs. Tara BESS is proposed to store and discharge electricity to Ontario's grid, adding up to 400 MW of capacity. Neoen Ontario BESS 1 Inc. (Neoen) is leading development of Tara BESS.



Study Area

Tara BESS is proposed for development on private lands located at 39 Concession Road 4, Tara, Ontario (the pictured "proposed project lands").

Tara BESS is expected to occupy a footprint of approximately 20 acres at-grade, plus approximately 450 metres of overhead transmission line and approximately five (5) steel structures to hold the transmission lines.

Tara BESS is proposed to connect to Hydro One's existing 230-kilovolt high voltage transmission line to the south of the proposed project lands.

The pictured "buildable area" represents the potential BESS development area. It is not reflective of the proposed BESS layout, and is subject to change. Details of the proposed BESS layout will be provided in a future communication.

Planning Process

Tara BESS is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities process (www.hydroone.com/classea) in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. This is a process for electricity transmission-related projects that do not generate electricity. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2026, subject to required permits and approvals.

About Neoen

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Neoen is committed to meaningful consultation. Your feedback will inform the Class EA for TF process*.

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