



EB-2009-0002

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

Application by Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. for Licence Amendments and Sale of Distribution Assets

The Application

Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. with the consent of PowerStream Inc. has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B, for an order of the Board:

- (a) amending the distribution service areas of Hydro One Brampton and PowerStream Inc. to reflect the transfer of one customer from Hydro One Brampton to PowerStream Inc.; and
- (b) approving the sale from Hydro One Brampton to PowerStream Inc. of distribution assets necessary in serving the customer proposed to be transferred from Hydro One Brampton to PowerStream Inc.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2009-0002 to the application. The application will be decided by the Counsel, Special Projects, who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the Act. The Counsel, Special Projects, does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding this application.

Section 6.5.4 of the Distribution System Code

Section 6.5.4 of the DSC deals with long term load transfer ("LTLT") arrangements. A load transfer is a situation in which a customer is located in the licensed service area of one distributor (the "geographic distributor") but is physically served electricity by another distributor (the "physical distributor"). Section 6.5.4 of the DSC requires geographic distributors to eliminate their LTLT arrangements before January 31, 2009.

This can be accomplished by either negotiating the transfer of the customers to the physical distributor or by the geographic distributor extending its system to connect the customers.

Service Area Amendments

According to the application, the service area amendment is being sought in order to eliminate the LTLT arrangement between Hydro One Brampton and PowerStream Inc. through the transfer of one customer to the physical distributor. The applicant states that the service area amendment is the most cost efficient approach to eliminate this existing LTLT arrangement.

The customer proposed to be transferred to PowerStream Inc. is currently located within Hydro One Brampton's service area but is physically supplied by PowerStream Inc. Presently, the customer is considered a Hydro One Brampton customer and is being charged Hydro One Brampton's rates. The proposed amendments, if granted, will result in this customer becoming a customer of PowerStream Inc. and being subject to slightly higher rates. The customer is located at the south west corner of highway 50 and Castlemore Road in the City of Brampton.

Sale of Distribution Assets

Hydro One Brampton is seeking approval to sell to PowerStream Inc. certain assets that are part of its distribution system and are necessary in serving the customer proposed to be transferred to PowerStream Inc. A nominal value of \$2 plus GST has been assigned to the assets as according to the application, Hydro One Brampton had received contribution in aid of capital for the full value of the service installation. The assets will continue to be used to serve the same customer presently served by the assets.

How to See Hydro One Brampton's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of the application will be available for public inspection at the Board's office, at the address indicated below. Copies can also be viewed at Hydro One Brampton's office at the address indicated below.

How to Participate in the Hearing

The application will be decided by way of written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. If you object to a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any objections to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant within 10 days of the date this notice was served.

If you wish to participate in the written hearing, please file a written submission setting out your views on the application with the Board and deliver it to the applicant no later than 21 days after the date this notice was served.

If the applicant wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to any party that made submissions no later than 28 days after the date this notice was served.

How to File Documents with the Board

If you already have a user ID, please submit your submission through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies are required. For instructions on how to file and naming conventions, please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, e-Filing Services. Those who do not have internet access are asked to submit their submission on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. You may also send your submission by post or e-mail to the addresses below.

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2009-0002 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your document. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

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