

EB-2009-0155

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application pursuant to section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 by Hydro One Networks Inc. seeking an order granting Hydro One Networks Inc. leave to sell distribution assets to Parkbridge Lifestyle Communities Inc.

By delegation, before: Theodore Antonopoulos

DECISION AND ORDER

On May 20, 2009, Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell distribution assets to Parkbridge Lifestyle Communities Inc. doing business as Our Ponderosa Trailer Park ("Parkbridge Lifestyle").

The assets consist of thirteen distribution transformers that are installed on poles owned by the customer, Parkbridge Lifestyle. The assets are located on Parkbridge Lifestyle's property within the trailer park.

Background

Hydro One, with Parkbridge Lifestyle's consent, requested that the Board dispose of this matter without a hearing under section 21(4)(b) of the Act. I find, based on the evidence filed in the application, that no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this proceeding. I have therefore disposed of this matter without a hearing.

Section 86(1)(b) of the Act provides that leave of the Board is required before a distributor can "sell, lease or otherwise dispose of that part of its transmission or distribution system that is necessary in serving the public." The assets that are the subject of this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

Hydro One stated that the assets proposed for sale currently serve and will continue to serve Parkbridge Lifestyle. After the sale, the assets will be owned by Parkbridge Lifestyle but Hydro One will continue to be the supply utility.

Hydro One also stated that there are no environmental issues associated with the transaction. The transaction will not affect the safety, reliability, operational flexibility or economic efficiency of Hydro One or Parkbridge Lifestyle.

The total sale price of \$57,636.76 plus GST represents the net book value of the assets. Hydro One further stated that there will be no material impact on its ratepayers or any other parties as a result of this transaction.

Findings

Based on the evidence, I find that there are benefits to the proposed transaction, and no negative consequences have been identified. I therefore find that it is in the public interest to grant Hydro One leave to sell the assets described above to Parkbridge Lifestyle.

The approval of this application should in no way be construed as providing the Board's view as to the merits of any future rate proposal related to the assets that are the subject of this decision and order.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell to Parkbridge Lifestyle Communities Inc., doing business as Our Ponderosa Trailer Park, the assets generally described in the application as thirteen transformers located on the purchaser's property at 9338 West Ipperwash Road, Bosanquet Township, Ontario.

ISSUED at Toronto, July 14, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Theodore Antonopoulos
Manager, Electricity Rate Applications