

Ontario Energy
Board

Commission de l'Énergie
de l'Ontario



EB-2006-0294

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 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* by
Peterborough Distribution Inc. to amend its Electricity
Distribution Licence ED-2002-0504.

By delegation, before: Mark C. Garner

DECISION AND ORDER

Peterborough Distribution Inc. ("Peterborough") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") for an order of the Board to amend its licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0504. The proposed amendment removes the customer at 14 Casement Lane (Douro) from Peterborough's licenced service area. The application was received by the Board on November 20, 2006.

This service area amendment is required because Peterborough can no longer supply electricity to the customer at 14 Casement Lane (Douro).

Peterborough requested that the Board proceed with the application in an expeditious manner without a hearing, pursuant to subsection 21(4)(b) of the Act.

The service area amendment is granted.

Background

The application states that the customer at 14 Casement Lane (Douro) was supplied from the Peterborough system from a private overhead primary voltage line originating from Peterborough County Road 29. The customer's private line crossed some privately owned land. There was never a registered easement over this private land. The private overhead primary voltage line was recently condemned for safety reasons and was required to be re-built. The customer could not get permission from the private landowner to re-build the line in its existing location.

The application states that in order for Peterborough to continue to serve this customer, Peterborough would have had to construct a single-phase extension of approximately 2 km from its existing distribution system to a location where the customer's property could be accessed from a public highway. The cost to construct this extension was estimated to be \$200,000. An economic evaluation for system expansions indicated the customer would have to provide a majority of these costs as a capital contribution.

The only other option was to re-locate the private line to originate from Highway 28, which is in Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") service territory. There is an existing Hydro One distribution line located on Highway 28. Peterborough states the customer approached Hydro One with this option and Hydro One agreed to serve the customer. The customer was then connected to Hydro One's distribution line. The customer received the first bill from Hydro One in October 2006.

Hydro One has consented to this service area amendment. No Peterborough assets will be stranded if the amendment is granted by the Board and no other customers of either Peterborough or Hydro One will be affected by the proposed service area amendment.

I have proceeded without a hearing under section 21(4)(b) of the Act as no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this proceeding. In addition, I note that the request for this amendment is driven by the customer's need for uninterrupted service through a permanent connection to Hydro One. Since the customer received his first bill in October 2006, I infer from this that the customer is amenable to a transfer to Hydro One and any bill impacts that may result.

Licensed Service Area

Pursuant to subsection 6(1) of the Act, I have been delegated the powers and duties of the Board with respect to the determination of applications made under section 74 of the Act. This order is made under the authority of that delegation and is based on the evidence filed in support of the application and the submissions of the interested parties.

Since the proposed amendment is consistent with the Board's policies regarding service area amendments, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Peterborough's electricity distribution licence as proposed by Peterborough.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Peterborough Distribution Inc.'s Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0504) is amended as per Appendix A, which is attached to this Decision and Order.

Under section 7(1) of the Act, this decision may be appealed to the Board within 15 days.

DATED at Toronto, February 5, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Mark C. Garner
Managing Director, Market Operations

Appendix A

AMENDED SCHEDULE 1: DEFINITION OF DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AREA

SCHEDULE 1 DEFINITION OF DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AREA

This Schedule specifies the area in which the Licensee is authorized to distribute and sell electricity in accordance with condition 8.1 of this Licence.

1. The City of Peterborough as at January 1, 1998.
2. The former Village of Norwood as of December 31, 1997, now in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood.
3. The former Village of Lakefield as of December 31, 2000.
4. The following locations outside the Village of Lakefield:
 - 8 houses on Tate Lane (Douro)
 - 4 houses on Casement Lane (Douro)
 - 50 Bishop Street (Douro)
 - 55 Bishop Street (Douro)
 - 2 houses on Tylers Close (Douro)
 - 4388 County Road #29 (Douro)
 - 1256 County Road #33 (Douro)
 - 132 Strickland Street (Douro)
 - 133 Strickland Street (Douro)
 - 91 Oxford Street (Douro)
 - 4365 County Road #29
 - 4372 County Road #29
 - 4373 County Road #29
 - 4381 County Road #29
 - 4409 County Road #29
 - Lakefield College School (also known as The Grove School)