



EB-2007-0659

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 Erie
Thames Powerlines Corporation to amend its Electricity
Distribution Licence ED-2002-0516.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation ("Erie Thames") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend Erie Thames' licenced service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0516). The application was received by the Board on June 13, 2007.

The service area amendment is required in order for Erie Thames to supply electricity to portions of a proposed golf club's lands currently located within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") licenced service area. Hydro One provided written confirmation that it supported this service area amendment application. The lands at issue in this application are described as:

Ottercreek Golf and Country Club; Legal Description for PIN 00052-0502, Part of Lot 13, Concession 9, Designated as Part 1, 41R-5735, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, East of James Street, Plan 129, Lot 137 and Part of Lots 139 and 144, Plan 388 and Part of Lot 12, Concession 9, Subject of easement in favour of Ontario Hydro over Part 3, 41R-5736 as in Plan 1743 subject to easement in favour of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich over Part of Lot 144, Plan 388, Designated as Part 3, 41R-6035, Township of Norwich, County of Oxford, formerly the Village of Otterville.

Reasons

Erie Thames applied for a service amendment in order to supply electricity to a proposed golf course that requires a service connection to a clubhouse and a pumping station. Part of the golf course is within Erie-Thames' service area and part is currently in Hydro One's service area. The lands that are the subject of the service area amendment are contiguous with the licenced service area of Erie Thames and lie along the Erie Thames distribution system. The single customer to be served desires Erie Thames as the service provider. Hydro One has no customers or assets in this area and would have to construct a lengthy expansion through undeveloped terrain to service the proposed area. Erie Thames is the more economic service provider as the customer's buildings requiring service are close to the Erie Thames distribution system. There are no assets that will be stranded as a result of the amendment. Rates of both distributors will be unaffected by the amendment and there will be no effect on safety, reliability and service quality.

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 the proceeding and the applicant has consented to disposing of the application without a hearing.

I find that it is in the public interest to amend Erie Thames' electricity distribution licence as proposed by Erie Thames.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0516) be amended as requested in the application. The new licence is attached to this order, with an effective date of September 5, 2007.

Under section 7(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, this decision may be appealed to the Board within 15 days.

DATED at Toronto, September 5, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Jennifer Lea
Special Advisor, Market Operations