



EB-2007-0774

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 on September 20, 2007, 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' licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0516. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2007-0774.

This service area amendment is required in order for Erie Thames to supply electricity to a planned residential subdivision development in the Town of Ingersoll, which is currently located within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") licensed service area. The subject land is described as:

Part Lots 17&18, Concession 1 (West Oxford), Town of Ingersoll.

The service area amendment is granted.

REASONS

The evidence filed with the application confirms that it is more economically efficient for Erie Thames to serve the proposed subdivision. The land that is the subject of the service area amendment is contiguous with the licensed service area of Erie Thames and lies along the Erie Thames distribution system. Erie Thames currently supplies the customers in the Town of Ingersoll to the north of the proposed subdivision development and has an existing underground 27.6 kV distribution line adequate to supply the proposed subdivision.

Hydro One supports the proposed service area amendment and confirms that it has no assets in the subject area adequate to connect the subdivision development. Hydro One also states that it is economically efficient for Erie Thames to extend its existing distribution system to connect the development as it represents a practical and low cost connection for the developer and does not duplicate or strand any assets of Hydro One or Erie Thames.

A letter from the developer filed with the application indicates that the developer prefers Erie Thames as the service provider. There are no other existing customers in the proposed amendment area. Rates of both distributors will be unaffected by the amendment and there will be no effect on safety, reliability and service quality.

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

The applicant requested that the Board decide the application without a hearing. I have done so. All affected parties consented to the application as filed. The evidence filed with the Board demonstrated that the amendment will not produce any adverse effects on the existing customers of the distributors, nor on potential customers who may locate in the subdivision.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation's Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0516) be amended to include "Part Lots 17&18, Concession 1 (West Oxford), Town of Ingersoll" in Schedule 1 of its licence. The amended licence is attached to this order, with an effective date of November 29, 2007.

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

DATED at Toronto, November 29, 2007.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Jennifer Lea
Special Advisor, Market Operations