

EB-2010-0264

**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 leave to sell distribution system assets to Riverland Camp and Outfitters doing business as Riverland Tent and Trailer Park.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

## THE APPLICATION

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on August 27, 2010 under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell certain distribution system assets to Riverland Camp and Outfitters doing business as Riverland Tent and Trailer Park ("Riverland Park").

The Board assigned file number EB-2010-0264 to the application. The assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction are 2 overhead distribution transformers on customer owned poles at the service location.

## **FINDINGS**

Hydro One requested, with Riverland Park's consent, 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 other 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 transmitter or 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.

The sale is for the purposes of transferring ownership of assets that are located on land owned by the recipient. The applicant states that the assets proposed to be sold to Riverland Park exclusively serve and will continue to serve Hydro One customers. After the proposed transaction Riverland Park will own the assets instead of the utility, but there will be no change in supply. The applicant states that the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service or operational flexibility for customers and that there are no environmental issues associated with the transaction. The proposed transfer will not impact distribution or transmission rates of the applicant.

The sale of the assets is a cash sale for the price of \$1,312.42 plus HST. The sale price covers the net book value of the assets.

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

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell 2 overhead distribution transformers located at Highway 60, Lot 11/12, Concession 1 in the Township of South Algonquin to Riverland Camp and Outfitters doing business as Riverland Tent and Trailer Park.

**ISSUED** at Toronto, October 20, 2010

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Jennifer Lea Counsel, Special Projects