



EB-2007-0934

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
St. Thomas Energy Inc. to amend Electricity Distribution
Licence ED-2002-0523.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

St. Thomas Energy Inc. ("STEI") filed an application on December 5, 2007, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend STEI's licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0523. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2007-0934.

This service area amendment is required in order for STEI to supply electricity to a proposed residential development in the Town of St. Thomas known as Hedges Court Phase Two and being developed by the Wellington Financial Facilitators Inc., which is currently located within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") licensed service area. These lands are described as:

- Concession 8, Part Lot 10, Registered Plan 11R7149, Part 2 to 6 and 11, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin, County of Elgin.
- Block 19, Registered Plan 11M-92, City of St. Thomas, County of Elgin.

The service area amendment is granted.

Reasons

The evidence filed with the application confirms that it is more economically efficient for STEI to serve the proposed residential development. The development is contiguous to the applicant's service area in the City of St. Thomas and lies along STEI's distribution system. STEI's infrastructure bordering the development is currently supplying the Hedges Court Phase One and consists of a 16kV single phase underground circuit, which is supplied from 27M-1 feeder.

Hydro One has provided written support for this service area amendment. Hydro One states that STEI has distribution facilities and capacity adjacent to the property, and it would be more economically efficient for STEI to service this area.

A letter from the developer filed with the application indicates that the developer prefers to receive service from STEI. There are no other existing customers in the proposed amendment area. STEI states that the proposed amendment results in no stranded assets and affects no embedded customers of Hydro One. 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 STEI's electricity distribution licence as proposed by STEI.

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:

St. Thomas Energy Inc.'s Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0523) be amended as per Schedule 1 as attached to this order. The amended licence is attached to this order, with an effective date of December 21, 2007.

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

DATED at Toronto, December, 21, 2007

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Original signed by

Jennifer Lea
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