Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2010-0370

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited pursuant to section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to amend the Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2004-0405.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

## **The Application**

Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited ("Cornwall Electric") filed an application on December 7, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend the service area of Cornwall Electric.

The application has been filed to address two matters:

First, the service area amendment is required to allow Cornwall Electric to provide electricity distribution service to a new customer. The application states that the location of the prospective service is peculiar, possibly as the result of a geographic gap existing between the service territories of Cornwall Electric and Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One"), the neighbouring distributor. The area in question is currently not included in the defined distribution service area of either distributor but is in the immediate vicinity of Cornwall Electric distribution facilities. Hydro One has 44 kV sub transmission facilities in this area but does not have readily accessible distribution facilities.

Second, while searching land based maps of this area, the applicant determined that certain existing Cornwall Electric customers also lie in this area, which is outside of Cornwall Electric's currently defined distribution service area.

Cornwall Electric is proposing the following amendment to the area described under the Town of South Glengarry (formerly the Township of Charlottenburgh) in Schedule 1 of its Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2004-0405 to correct for these omissions:

The replacement of:

Concession 3 SSR lots 9-26 with Concession 3 SSR lots west half of lot 5 – lot 26 Concession 2 SSR lots 6-19 with Concession 2 SSR lots 6-26

A letter from Hydro One consenting to the application has been provided by Cornwall Electric. The applicant and Hydro One have requested that the application be disposed of without a hearing as no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding.

## FINDINGS

The evidence filed with the application indicates that the location of the proposed new service lies is in close proximity to Cornwall distribution facilities. The applicant has also provided a corrected geographic description for this area which is already serviced by Cornwall Electric to address anomalies in the description of Cornwall Electric's service area in Schedule 1 of Cornwall Electric's electricity distribution licence.

The applicant states that the rates of both distributors will be unaffected by the proposed amendments and there will be no effect on reliability and service quality. Also, there will be no adverse effects on existing or potential customers of either distributor.

I find that it is in the public interest to amend Cornwall Electric's electricity distribution licence as proposed by the applicant.

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 amendments will not produce any adverse effects on the existing or potential customers of the distributors.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

 Schedule 1 of Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2004-0405) is amended to include additional lots in the service area.

The amended licence is attached to this decision and order.

DATED at Toronto, March 3, 2011

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Original signed by

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