



EB-2010-0398

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 Hydro One Networks Inc. pursuant to section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to amend the Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2003-0043.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

The Application

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") with the consent of Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited ("Cornwall") filed an application on December 20, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for a conditional service area amendment.

Hydro One applied for an order of the Board for a service area amendment to reflect a boundary change between Hydro One and Cornwall to service three proposed renewable generation projects,

1. EffiSolar located at County Road 19 (Part Lot 5 and 6, Concession 5), Township of South Glengarry
2. Northland Power located at East Side of Boundary Road at the intersection of Headline Road (County Road 44) Part of Lots 15 & 16, concession 5 & 6, Township of South Glengarry.
3. Penn Energy located at 18461/18423 County Road 19, Township of South Glengarry

Hydro One is proposing the following amendment in Schedule 1 of its Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2003-0043 to accommodate the generators:

Add: Three Solar PV generator customers located at:

1. Part of Lots 5 & 6, Concession 5
2. Part of Lots 15 & 16, Concession 5 & 6
3. Lot 41, 41A, Plan 107 except Part 20 and 20A on 14R299, s/t IL 3007, TCH 4416 and Plan 107 – Pt Lot 40 as in AR31461, Except Pt 1 & 2, 14R2143 S/T TCH 4357

A letter from Cornwall consenting to the application has been provided by Hydro One. Hydro One, with the support of Cornwall, EffiSolar, Northland Power and Penn Energy 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 three generation projects have received Feed-in Tariff (“FIT”) program contracts from the Ontario Power Authority. As these projects are located in the Cornwall service area and Cornwall is connected to the Hydro Quebec system and not the IESO-controlled grid, the projects must connect to the Hydro One distribution system in order to participate in the FIT program.

Hydro One states that the use of its existing infrastructure running through Cornwall’s service territory would allow Hydro One to serve these generators in an economically and operationally efficient way. Hydro One adds that there will be no potential for further growth in this circumstance because the subject area of this service area amendment is within Cornwall’s service territory.

Hydro One also states that there will be no impact on the ratepayers.

I find that it is in the public interest to amend Hydro One’s electricity distribution licence to facilitate the connection of the renewable energy projects to Hydro One’s system and thereby to the IESO controlled grid. However, I find that it would be unnecessarily complicated to make the service area amendments

conditional, as proposed in the original application. As the renewable generators have entered into contracts with the OPA, it is expected that the connection will take place. Hydro One and Cornwall, subsequent to the original application, submitted letters indicating that a service area amendment without conditions is acceptable.

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:

1. Schedule 1 of Hydro One's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0043) is amended as requested.

The amended licence is attached to this decision and order.

DATED at Toronto, March 29, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Jennifer Lea
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