



EB-2011-0018

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
Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. seeking an
order to amend the current Electricity Distribution
Licences of Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc.
and Hydro One Networks Inc. (ED-2002-0574 and ED-
2003-0043 respectively);

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

THE APPLICATION

Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. ("Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro") with the consent of Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on January 14, 2011 under sections 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

The application addresses the long term load transfer ("LTLT") arrangement between Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro and Hydro One. A load transfer is a situation in which a customer is located in the licensed service area of one distributor (the "geographic distributor") but is physically served electricity by another distributor (the "physical distributor").

Section 6.5.4 of the Board's Distribution System Code ("DSC") requires geographic distributors to eliminate LTLT arrangements by either negotiating the transfer of the customers to the physical distributor or by the geographic distributor extending its system to connect the customers.

The application seeks an order of the Board to amend the distribution service areas of Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro and Hydro One to eliminate the LTLT arrangement between Hydro One and Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro by transferring customers to the physical distributor, Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro.

Service Area Amendment

The proposed service area amendment would amend the distributors' licensed service areas resulting in a transfer of twenty customers to Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro. The customers are currently located within Hydro One's licensed service area and are customers of Hydro One but are physically served electricity by Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro. If the proposed amendment is approved, these customers will become Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro customers. The customers are located on lots 21 through 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33 and 34, Concession 6 in the County of Brant on the south side of Brant Waterloo Road between Swan Street to the west, and one kilometre west of Shouldice Road.

THE PROCEEDING

The Board assigned file number EB-2011-0018 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on February 18, 2011. The Notice was served upon the customers proposed to be transferred to Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro from Hydro One. The customers did not respond to the Notice.

FINDINGS

The service area amendment was prompted by the applicant's rebuild plans to replace certain existing lines and also the Board's policy that requires the elimination of long term load transfers.

The applicant stated that the proposed service area amendment is the most cost-efficient approach for eliminating the subject LTLT arrangement. In addition, the evidence indicates that the customers being transferred from Hydro One to Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro will experience a decrease of 29% on their total monthly electricity bill, based on an average residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month. The applicant also stated that the area infrastructure reliability will improve as a result of the replacement of lines involved in the proposed service area amendment.

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of both Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro and Hydro One's electricity distribution licences to reflect transfer of twenty customers from Hydro One to Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro as requested by the applicant.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro's electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0574), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the customers in the County of Brant located at 542, 548, 552, 564, 568, 572, 606, 616, 642 (2 customers) 670, 674, 764 (2 customers), 790, 794, 806, 872, 896, and 900 Brant Waterloo Road.
2. Hydro One's electricity distribution licence (ED-2003-0043), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to exclude the customers in the County of Brant located at 542, 548, 552, 564, 568, 572, 606, 616, 642 (2 customers) 670, 674, 764 (2 customers), 790, 794, 806, 872, 896, and 900 Brant Waterloo Road.

DATED at Toronto, April 25, 2011

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