



EB-2011-0060

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
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation.

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 February 25, 2011 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 Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation ("Erie Thames").

The Board assigned file number EB-2011-0060 to the application. The assets subject of the proposed transaction are defined as a section of Tillsonburg TS M1 feeder comprised of 27.6kV line including 4 conductors each 64 meters in length, associated hardware, 3 single phase in line switches and one pole. The assets are located entirely within Erie Thames service territory in the Township of Norwich and are currently serving Erie Thames customers.

FINDINGS

Hydro One requested, with Erie Thames' 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 evidence indicates that the assets currently serve and will continue to serve Erie Thames customers and upon purchase will be integrated into Erie Thames’ distribution system to better supply its customers. The applicant further states that the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service of Hydro One or Erie Thames and operational flexibility can be improved.

The total sale price of \$10,600 (plus HST) represents a negotiated commercial value for the section of the Tilsonburg TS M1 27.6 kV feeder. The applicant states that the proposed transaction will have no impact on either Hydro One’s or Erie Thames’ electricity distribution rates.

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 above to Erie Thames.

The approval of this application should in no way be construed as providing the Board’s view as to the merits of any future rate proposal related to the assets that are the subject of this Decision and Order.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell to Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation the distribution system assets generally described in the application as a section of Tillsonburg TS M1 feeder comprised of 27.6kV line including 4 conductors each 64 meters in length, associated hardware, 3 single phase in line switches and one pole.

ISSUED at Toronto, May 6, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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