



**EB-2011-0122**

**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 Erie  
Thames Powerlines Corporation to amend its Electricity  
Distribution Licence ED-2002-0516.

**By delegation, before:** Jennifer Lea

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

### **THE APPLICATION**

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation (“Erie Thames”) filed an application on April 25, 2011, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend Erie Thames’ licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0516.

This service area amendment is required in order for Erie Thames to supply electricity and provide electricity distribution services to the planned Tenhove residential subdivision. The vacant land approved by the County of Oxford for the purpose of the residential development is currently located in Hydro One Networks Inc.’s (“Hydro One”) licensed service area.

- The subject land is described as Part Lot 7, Concession 4 (North Norwich), in the Village of Norwich, in the Township of Norwich (Tenhove Subdivision).

## **FINDINGS**

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of Erie Thames' electricity distribution licence to include the lands described above. The following facts are relevant to this decision.

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for Erie Thames to serve the proposed residential development. The area to be served is contiguous to Erie Thames existing distribution service area. Erie Thames has an existing distribution system bordering the subject lands that is readily available and adequate to supply the proposed subdivision. Hydro One would have to extend its existing primary line across the highway and then underground on private property and obtain two easements to serve the customer.

Hydro One supports the proposed service area amendment. A letter from HEG Homes, the developer of the Tenhove Subdivision, indicates that the customer prefers Erie Thames as a service provider.

The subject area is vacant land and there are no existing customers of either distributor in the proposed amendment area. No assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. In addition, no negative impact on rates, safety, reliability or service quality of Erie Thames or Hydro One has been identified that would result from the proposed amendment.

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 THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

Erie Thames Corporation's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0516), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the lands described as:

- Part Lot 7, Concession 4 (North Norwich), in the Village of Norwich.

No amendment is necessary to Hydro One's licence.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 14, 2011

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