



EB-2011-0302

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 Peterborough
Distribution Inc. to amend its Electricity Distribution Licence
(ED-2002-0504).

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

THE APPLICATION

Peterborough Distribution Inc. ("Peterborough Distribution") filed an application on August 17, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend its licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0504.

This service area amendment is required in order for Peterborough Distribution to supply electricity and provide electricity distribution services to a proposed residential subdivision in the City of Peterborough, which is on land currently located within Hydro One Network Inc.'s ("Hydro One") licensed service area. The service territory is described as:

- 1232 Parkhill Rd. W. – The general boundaries are north of Parkhill Rd. W., south of Jackson Creek, east of 1234 Parkhill Rd. W. and west of 1226 Parkhill Rd. W.

FINDINGS

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

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for Peterborough Distribution to supply and service the proposed development. The lands that are the subject of the service area amendment are contiguous with the licensed service area of Peterborough Distribution. Peterborough Distribution currently provides service to the properties adjacent to the subject lands and can provide the required service with minimal investment in infrastructure.

The evidence shows that Hydro One does not have distribution infrastructure adjacent to the subject lands and would need to make a significant investment to service the proposed development. Hydro One supports the proposed service area amendment.

There are no other existing customers in the proposed amendment area. The owner of the lands, who is the developer of the residential subdivision, supports the application. No negative impact on rates, safety, reliability or service quality of Peterborough Distribution or Hydro One has been identified as a potential result of the proposed amendment.

The applicant requested that the Board decide the application without a hearing. I have done so. The developer prefers Peterborough Distribution as a service provider. All other directly 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Peterborough Distribution Inc.'s Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0504), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the lands described as:

- 1232 Parkhill Rd. W. – The general boundaries are north of Parkhill Rd. W., south of Jackson Creek, east of 1234 Parkhill Rd. W. and west of 1226 Parkhill Rd. W.

DATED at **Toronto**, October 26, 2011

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Original signed by

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