

EB-2007-0935

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 Hydro One Networks Inc. to amend Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.'s Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2003-0030.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI") filed an application on December 5, 2007, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 for an order of the Board to amend the licenced service area of Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. ("Kenora Hydro") in Schedule 1 of Kenora Hydro's electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0030. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2007-0935. Kenora Hydro consented to the application.

This service area amendment is required in order for HONI to supply electricity to lots 3 to 16 of a proposed 16 lot residential development located on the north shore of the Winnipeg River in the City of Kenora. Lots 1 and 2 of the development are in HONI's service area, lots 3 to 16 of the development are currently located in the licenced service area of Kenora Hydro.

The lands are described as:

Plan of Subdivision of Part of Locations D-104, D-112, D-122 and D-130 in the City of Kenora, lots 3 to 16 inclusive.

The service area amendment is granted.

Reasons

The evidence filed with the application confirms that it is more economically efficient for HONI to serve the proposed residential development. Kenora Hydro does not have lines north of the Winnipeg River in the area of the new development. Extension of Kenora Hydro lines requires extension of service via submarine cable under the Winnipeg River. Lots 1 and 2 of the 16 lot development are already in HONI's service area and extending a HONI owned line to connect lots 3 to 16 would be the lowest cost connection to the customers.

Kenora Hydro has provided written support for this service area amendment. A letter from the developer (M & L Development) filed with the application indicates that the developer prefers HONI to service lots 3 to 16 of the development. HONI states that the proposed amendment results in no stranded assets and affects no embedded customers of Kenora Hydro. The application indicates that rates of both distributors will be unaffected by the amendment and there will be no effect on safety, reliability and service quality.

I find that it is in the public interest to amend Kenora Hydro's electricity distribution licence as proposed by HONI and supported by Kenora Hydro.

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.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.'s Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0030) specifically, Schedule 1 of the licence is amended to exclude the lands described as Plan of Subdivision of Part of Locations D-104, D-112, D-122 and D-130 in the City of Kenora, lots 3 to 16 inclusive. The amended licence is attached to this decision and order.

Under section 7(1) of the Act, this decision may be appealed to the Board within 15 days.

DATED at Toronto, March 4, 2008

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