



**EB-2012-0007**

**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  
PowerStream Inc. to amend its Electricity Distribution  
Licence ED-2004-0420.

**By delegation, before:** Jennifer Lea

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

### **THE APPLICATION**

PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream") filed an application on January 10, 2012, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend PowerStream's licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2004-0420.

This service area amendment is required in order for PowerStream to supply electricity and provide electricity distribution services to the Belterra Estate subdivision developed by Cable Bridge Enterprises Inc. The vacant land upon which the subdivision will be built is currently located in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") licensed service area. The subject land is described as Part of Lots 12 & 13, Concession 14 and Part of Lots 12 & 13, Concession 15, File Number NT-T03002 under the Corporate Township of Tecumseh.

## FINDINGS

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of PowerStream's 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 PowerStream to serve the proposed residential development. The planned subdivision is contiguous to PowerStream's existing distribution service area. PowerStream submits that it has existing 13.8 kV feeder bordering the subject lands and a Municipal Substation approximately two kilometres west of the development that are adequate to connect the proposed subdivision. Hydro One's does not have any existing distribution infrastructure near the development and would need to build a distribution station and associated feeders to make a connection. Service from PowerStream is therefore practical and involves the lowest cost to connect for the developer.

Hydro One supports the proposed service area amendment. A letter from Cable Bridge Enterprises Inc., the developer of the Belterra Estates subdivision, filed with the application indicates that the customer prefers a connection to the PowerStream distribution system.

An incidental effect of the service area amendment is the transfer of two existing Hydro One customers to PowerStream. The distribution rates for the customers being transferred from Hydro One to PowerStream will decrease as a result of the transfer. The customers to be transferred were notified of the application by Hydro One and invited to send any comments on the proposal to the Board. No comments were received from the customers.

No assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. No negative impact on rates, safety, reliability or service quality of PowerStream or Hydro One has been identified as a result of the proposed amendment.

In its application, Powerstream noted that Hydro One's licence requires amendment to recognize the acquisition of the former Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc. by Powerstream. Hydro One has no objection to this request, and I will also grant this amendment.

The applicant asked that the Board decide the application without a hearing. I have done so. The two distributors and the developer consented to the application as filed. There is

no evidence that the two customers to be transferred to Powerstream will be adversely affected. The evidence filed with the Board demonstrated that the outcome of the proceeding would not produce an adverse effect on any other existing customers of the distributors, nor on potential customers who may locate in the subdivision.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The electricity distribution licences of PowerStream Inc. (ED-2004-0420), specifically Schedule 1 and Hydro One Networks Inc. (ED- 2003-0043), specifically Appendix B-Tab 4 are amended as requested by PowerStream Inc.

The amended licences are attached to this decision and order.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 8, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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