



EB-2011-0440

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Hydro One Networks Inc. pursuant to section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to amend the Electricity Distribution Licence of Peterborough Distribution Inc. ED-2002-0504.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

THE APPLICATION

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) filed a service area amendment application on December 29, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to propose a new service area boundary between Hydro One and Peterborough Distribution Inc. (“Peterborough Distribution”) within the City of Peterborough. The application included a letter from Peterborough Distribution indicating support for the application.

The proposed amendment has no impact on Hydro One’s licence because its licensed service areas in the City of Peterborough include all areas with the exception of that served by Peterborough Distribution. However, the proposed amendment requires that Schedule 1 of Peterborough Distribution’s licence ED-2002-0504 be amended.

Hydro One, with the support of all parties, requested that the application be disposed of without a hearing as no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding.

FINDINGS

The area affected by the proposed amendment is part of a residential subdivision known as Raymond Street Subdivision, Phase II being developed by RD Land Corp. The land is currently vacant and there are no existing customers presently served in the area. The proposed amendment would allow connection of the subject area, described as 340 Simons Avenue Lots 5, 6 & 7 and Blocks 53, 54 & 64, to the Hydro One distribution system. With the exception of Lots 5, 6 & 7 and Blocks 53, 54 & 64, the proposed subdivision is located in Hydro One's service territory, and will be served by Hydro One.

The effect of the proposed service area amendment is to allow a single distributor to service the entire subdivision. Hydro One offers the most economical connection cost to the customer as the proposed new connection is adjacent to Hydro One's existing distribution system. The evidence filed also included a letter from RD Land Corp. confirming its consent to the provision of electricity services to the affected area by Hydro One.

Hydro One also stated that no assets will be stranded or transferred as a result of the proposed amendment and reliability will not be adversely affected by this proposal. As well, there will be no material impact on ratepayers.

I find that it is in the public interest to grant the amendment as requested by Hydro One.

Hydro One 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 there will be no adverse effects resulting from the proposed service area amendment.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Schedule 1 of Peterborough Distribution Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence, ED-2002-0504 is amended as requested.

The amended licence is attached to this decision and order.

DATED at **Toronto**, March 9, 2012

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Original signed by

Jennifer Lea
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