



EB-2012-0088

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. and PowerStream Inc. seeking an order
to amend their current Electricity Distribution Licences (ED-
2003-0043 and ED-2004-0420, respectively);

By delegation, before: Viive Sawler

DECISION AND ORDER

May 10, 2012

THE APPLICATION

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") and PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream") filed a joint application with the Ontario Energy Board on March 7, 2012 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for a licence amendment to amend the service area of each respective distributor's electricity distribution licence.

The service area amendment will make it clear which distributor will serve each phase of a new residential subdivision located in the southwest corner of the Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury, and it will also avoid duplication of facilities and any associated safety or operational concerns. Based on the proposed development plans from the developers, it has been mutually agreed upon between Hydro One and PowerStream that the service territory boundaries should be modified to align with the

proposed subdivision plans. The subject lands and proposed boundaries are described as follows:

Hydro One proposed service area amendment:

- All lands north of 6th line, lot 12 south of Miller Park Avenue where Miller Park Avenue crosses the natural divide of Crooked Creek
- The eastern boundary follows southeast between lots 12 and 13 to the original Hydro One and PowerStream service area territory boundary
- The southwestern point is in lot 12 at Crooked Creek

PowerStream proposed service area amendment:

- From 6th line, lot 12, all areas south of where Hydro One's area stops at Crooked Creek
- The southern boundary of PowerStream's proposed service territory follows Crooked Creek through Lot 11 in a southwest direction to the centre of Middletown Road (10th Sideroad)
- The western boundary follows Middletown Road (10th Sideroad) in the centre, north until it reaches the original PowerStream/Hydro One boundary

FINDINGS

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of PowerStream's distribution licence to reflect the boundary change described above.

In the application, Hydro One noted that its licence only requires amendment to recognize the acquisition of the former Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc. by PowerStream as Hydro One's licensed service areas in the Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury include all areas with the exception of that served by PowerStream. I will also grant this amendment.

The following facts are relevant to this decision.

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that based on the proposed development plans in the area, the current service territory boundaries would pass through a number of proposed lots. By changing the service territory boundaries to

follow Crooked Creek, which creates a natural divide between the two phases of development, each of the two phases and areas of the development will be supplied by one distributor.

The evidence shows that the affected parties, the registered owner and the developer, are aware of the application and have consented to the amendment proposal. As a new subdivision under development, there will be no impact on existing customers and no other parties will be adversely affected by the proposed amendment. No negative impact on costs, rates, reliability or service quality has been identified as a potential result of the proposed amendment.

The applicants requested that the Board decide the application without a hearing. I have done so. The two distributors, the registered owner, and the developer consented to the application as filed. 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.

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 the applicants.

The amended licences are attached to this decision and order.

DATED at Toronto, May 10, 2012

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Original signed by

Viive Sawler
Manager, Conservation and Reporting