



EB-2012-0255

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 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,
1998 by Veridian Connections Inc. seeking an order
granting leave to sell distribution system assets to
Loblaw Companies Limited.

By delegation, before: Adrian Pye

DECISION AND ORDER
May 31, 2012

THE APPLICATION

Veridian Connections Inc. (“Veridian”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on May 14, 2012 under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the “Act”) for a Board order granting Veridian leave to sell certain distribution system assets to Loblaw Companies Limited (“Loblaw”).

The metering assets to be transferred to Loblaw are located at four locations in Pickering and Ajax, Ontario and consist of the following:

- one meter cabinet, assorted wiring and cabling, three current transformers and three voltage transformers located at 1792 Liverpool Road, Pickering;
- one meter cabinet, one test block, assorted wiring and cabling and three current transformers located at 30 Kinston Road West, Ajax; and
- two meter cabinets, two test blocks, assorted wiring and cabling, six current transformers and six voltage transformers located at 500 Bayly Street East, Ajax.

The total sale price of \$21,005.35 (plus HST) represents the net book value of the assets.

FINDINGS

Based on the evidence, I find that there are benefits to the proposed transaction, and no negative consequences have been identified. It is therefore in the public interest to grant Veridian leave to sell the metering assets to Loblaw. The following facts are relevant to this decision.

Section 86(1)(b) of the Act provides that leave of the Board is required before a transmitter or a distributor can “sell, lease or otherwise dispose of that part of its transmission or distribution system that is necessary in serving the public.” The assets that are the subject of this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

The sale is for the purposes of transferring ownership of the metering assets to Loblaw to use these assets for wholesale metering as an Independent Electricity System Operator market participant. Veridian states that the assets proposed to be sold to Loblaw exclusively serve and will continue to serve Loblaw. After the proposed transaction Loblaw will own the assets instead of the utility. Veridian states that the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service or operations of the applicant or Loblaw. The proposed transfer will not impact distribution rates of the applicant.

Veridian requested, with Loblaw’s consent, that the Board dispose of this matter without a hearing under section 21(4)(b) of the Act. I find, based on the evidence filed in the application, that no other person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this proceeding. I have therefore disposed of this matter without a hearing.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Veridian Connections Inc. is granted leave to sell four meter cabinets; three test blocks, assorted wiring and cabling, twelve current transformers and nine voltage transformers located at 1792 Liverpool Road in Pickering, Ontario and in Ajax, Ontario at 30 Kinston Road West and 500 Bayly Street East to Loblaw Companies Limited.

DATED at Toronto, May 31, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Adrian Pye
Manager
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