



EB-2013-0222

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
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. to amend its
Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2002-0565.

By delegation, before: Viive Sawler

DECISION AND ORDER

August 2, 2013

THE APPLICATION

Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. ("Guelph Hydro") filed an application on May 28, 2013, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend Guelph Hydro's licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0565.

This service area amendment is required in order for Guelph Hydro to supply electricity and provide electricity distribution services to Rockwood Public School located on McLennan Street in the Township of Eramosa. The land that the proposed school is located on is within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") licensed service area.

- The legal property description is Part of the Southwest half of Lot 3, Concession 4 in the Township of Eramosa.

FINDINGS

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of Guelph Hydro's electricity distribution licence to include the land described above that the proposed Rockwood Public School is located on. The following facts are relevant to

this decision.

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for Guelph Hydro to serve the proposed school as it represents a practical and the lowest cost to connect for the customer. To provide service to the new school, Hydro One will require three phase power. Guelph Hydro submits that in order to supply the customer, Hydro One has to extend its existing three phase distribution line by approximately 650 meters at significant cost to the customer. The applicant further states that Guelph Hydro has existing facilities close by to feed the school and will connect the customer at a cost significantly lower than Hydro One's and without duplication of the distribution assets. Hydro One supports the proposed service area amendment and confirms that it would be more economically efficient for Guelph Hydro to service the school.

A letter from the customer, Upper Grand District School Board, filed with the application consents to Guelph Hydro providing service to the new school. There are no other existing customers in the proposed amendment area. No assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. In addition, no negative impact on rates, safety, reliability or service quality of Guelph Hydro or Hydro One has been identified as a result of the proposed amendment.

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, and there are no prospective customers apart from Rockwood Public School who may locate in the proposed expanded area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Guelph Hydro Electric System Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0565), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

Rockwood Public School located at legal address – Part of Southwest half of Lot # 3, Concession 4, Township of Eramosa.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto, August 2, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Viive Sawler
Manager, Licence Applications, Conservation & Reporting