



EB-2013-0309

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 Ottawa Limited for an order to amend its electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0556).

By delegation, before: David Richmond

DECISION AND ORDER
October 24, 2013

THE APPLICATION

Hydro Ottawa Limited ("Hydro Ottawa") filed an application on August 23, 2013 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 for an order of the Board to amend Hydro Ottawa's licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0556.

This service area amendment is required specifically for the purpose of connecting a customer, GS One-Parkway Solar Farm LP, located at 8965 Parkway Rd., Edwards, Ontario. The customer is a solar generator with both load and generation requirements, that is located in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") licensed service area.

The legal description of the property is Lot 5, Concession 9 at the corner of 9th Line Road and Parkway Road, as shown in Plan 4R-25377.

FINDINGS

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of Hydro Ottawa's electricity distribution licence to include the customer noted above. The following facts are relevant to this decision.

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for Hydro Ottawa to serve the customer. Hydro One feeders currently do not have sufficient capacity to connect the generator and the cost to construct a new feeder to connect to the Hydro One system is prohibitive. The generator has therefore requested connection to the Hydro Ottawa distribution system for the purpose of feeding into the grid.

Hydro One supports the proposed service area amendment. A letter from Sharp Leasing USA Corp, the general partner of the customer, indicates that the customer prefers Hydro Ottawa as a service provider.

No assets will be stranded or redundant as a result of the proposed amendment. In addition, no negative impact on costs, rates, safety, reliability or service quality of Hydro Ottawa or Hydro One has been identified that would result from 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Hydro Ottawa Limited's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0556), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

- Lot 5, Concession 9 at the corner of 9th Line Road and Parkway Road, as shown in Plan 4R-25377, located at 8965 Parkway Rd., Edwards, Ontario.

No amendment is necessary to Hydro One Network Inc.'s licence.

DATED at Toronto, October 24, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

David Richmond
Manager, Electricity Facilities and Infrastructure Applications