



EB-2014-0007

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 Hydro One Networks Inc. seeking an order granting leave to sell certain assets to Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation

By delegation, before: Viive Sawler

DECISION AND ORDER

April 3, 2014

THE APPLICATION

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on January 8, 2014 under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell certain distribution assets to Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation ("Erie Thames"). The Board assigned file number EB-2014-0007 to the application.

The proposed transaction involves the sale of 17 joint-use poles and 1800 metres of conductor located on Don Street and George Street, between North Street N. and Albert Street in Clinton, Ontario, currently owned by Hydro One to Erie Thames.

The assets are located entirely within Erie Thames' service area.

FINDINGS

Hydro One requested, with Erie Thames' 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.

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 evidence indicates that the assets currently serve and will continue to serve Erie Thames’ customers. The applicant further states that the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, and quality of service of Hydro One or Erie Thames.

The sale is a cash sale at the price of \$972 plus HST. The sale price reflects the price as determined by the Joint Use Agreement between Hydro One and Erie Thames. The applicant states that the proposed transaction will have no impact on either Hydro One’s or Erie Thames’ electricity distribution rates.

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 Hydro One leave to sell the assets described above to Erie Thames.

The approval of this application should in no way be construed as providing the Board’s view as to the merits of any future rate proposal related to the assets that are the subject of this Decision and Order.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell to Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation the assets described in the application as 17 joint-use poles and 1800 metres of conductor located on Don Street and George Street, between North Street N. and Albert Street in Clinton, Ontario.

DATED at Toronto, April 3, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Viive Sawler
Manager, Licensing and Performance Reporting