

EB-2006-0126

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FESTIVAL HYDRO INC. SERVICE AREA AMENDMENT

Festival Hydro Inc. ("Festival") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated, June 5, 2006 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) to amend Festival's distribution licence. Festival is requesting a service area amendment that would, if granted, allow Festival to serve an area currently served by Hydro One Networks Inc., by replacing the phrase "The Municipality of the City of Stratford as [of] February 2002" in Festival's distribution licence with the following wording:

"The Municipality of the City of Stratford as of February 2002, and lot 3, Concession 2 in the township of Perth East, Ellice Ward, Part 1 of Plan 44R-4354 (City of Stratford Recreation Complex)."

The Board has assigned the file number EB-2006-0126 to this application.

According to Festival, the only customer affected by this application is the City of Stratford ("Stratford"). While the land is currently vacant, Stratford is planning to construct a recreation complex in the area that is the subject of this service area amendment.

How to see Festival's Pre-filed Evidence

A copy of the application is attached.

Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of Festival's application will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices, and at Festival's offices (addresses below).

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

You may send the Board a letter of comment. Your letter should include any request to make an oral presentation to the Board, and must be received by the Board no later than 30 days from the publication date of this notice.

You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter received by the Board no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice.

You may request intervenor status if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter of intervention received no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice, or, if you have been served this notice personally, no later than 10 days from the date of service. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may choose to hold either a written or an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reasons for that preference. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your

eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this notice please reference Board file number EB-2006-0126. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

For your convenience, the Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail. Our e-mail address is Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca Please include the application file reference number in the subject line of your e-mail.

Letters of intervention must be sent to the Board by regular mail to the address below. Please remember that you must send a copy of your request for intervention to the applicant at the address listed below.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

<u>Addresses</u>

The Board:

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 26th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Board Secretary

E-mail: <u>Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca</u> Phone: 1-888-632-6273 (toll-free)

Fax: 416-440-7656

Festival Hydro Inc.:

Attention Mr. William Zehr Vice President & CEO Festival Hydro Inc. 187 Erie Street, P.O. Box 397 Stratford ON N5A 6T5

E-mail: <u>bzehr@festivalhydro.com</u> Phone: 1-519-271-4703x243 Phone: 1-866-444-9370 (toll-free)

Corporation of the City of Stratford:

Ms. Joan Thomson, Clerk

Corporation of the City of Stratford 1 Wellington Street, Stratford ON N5A 6W1 Phone: 519-271-0250 x235 E-mail jthomson@city.stratford.on.ca

Mr. Ed Martin Director of Community Services, Community Services Department 27 Morentz Drive P.O. Box 874 Stratford ON N5A 6W3

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Mr. Oded Hubert, Director Network Strategy, E-mail ohubert@hydroone.com

DATED at Toronto, June 23, 2006

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Peter O'Dell

Assistant Board Secretary