



EB-2014-0197

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
Northern Ontario Wires Inc. to amend its Electricity
Distribution Licence ED-2003-0018.

By delegation, before: Viive Sawler

DECISION AND ORDER

August 14, 2014

THE APPLICATION

Northern Ontario Wires Inc. ("NOW") filed an application on May 29, 2014, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend NOW's licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0018.

This service area amendment is required

- 1) in order for NOW to supply electricity and provide electricity distribution services to a new subdivision that is presently included in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") defined service area. The subject land is described as Vezeau Subdivision located in the Town of Cochrane as described by Registered Plan 6M494;
- 2) to include the following addresses in the Town of Cochrane always served by NOW but inadvertently omitted from the service territory description at the time of the previous licence amendments:
 - i. Chalmers Subdivision, as described by Registered Plan M346C;

- ii. 425, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 443 and 451 Chalmers avenue (formerly Tenth Avenue);
- iii. Chalmers Public School at 453 Chalmers Avenue;
- iv. 233, 381/383, 399, 435, 451, 455 and 461 Eighth Street ;
- v. 403, 430, 500, 501 and 503 Water Plant Road;
- vi. Lee Golf Club at 499 Second Avenue.

FINDINGS

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of NOW's distribution licence to include the lands described above. I note that Hydro One's licence is not required to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented. The following facts are relevant to this decision.

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for NOW to serve the proposed subdivision. NOW has a 25 kV three phase feeder that runs parallel to the subdivision and that can accommodate the load with minimal investment, while Hydro One's circuit is 200 meters away from the connection point and is a 12 kV three phase feeder.

With respect to NOW's request to include specific addresses in the Town of Cochrane, the applicant stated that at the time NOW's licence was amended due to amalgamation with several other utilities, the service area was restated to include specific boundaries rather than reference to the municipal boundaries of the Town of Cochrane. As a result, the addresses described above were omitted from the service area description, however all these connections have been always served by NOW.

A letter from Hydro One filed with the application indicates that Hydro One supports NOW's application for the proposed service area amendment.

No assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. No negative impact on rates, reliability or service quality of NOW or Hydro One has been identified as a result of the proposed amendment.

The applicant asked, with Hydro One's consent, that the Board decide the application without a hearing. I have done so. The evidence filed with the Board demonstrates that

the outcome of the proceeding would not produce an adverse effect on any other existing customers of the distributors, nor on potential customers who may locate in the subdivision.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0018), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

Vezeau Subdivision located in the Town of Cochrane as described by Registered Plan 6M494;

The customers in the Town of Cochrane located at:

- Chalmers Subdivision, as described by Registered Plan M346C;
- 425, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 443 and 451 Chalmers avenue (formerly Tenth Avenue);
- Chalmers Public School at 453 Chalmers Avenue;
- 233, 381/383, 399, 435, 451, 455 and 461 Eighth Street ;
- 403, 430, 500, 501 and 503 Water Plant Road;
- Lee Golf Club at 499 Second Avenue.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto, August 14, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Viive Sawler
Manager, Licensing & Performance Reporting