



TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

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Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto ON M4P 1E4
Attn: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2014-0213
Request for Intervenor Status

Please be advised The Corporation of the Township of Zorra is hereby requesting intervenor status with respect to a hearing before the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to consider the applications filed by Hydro One Inc. and Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. regarding the sale of Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.

Contact Information

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Attention: Don MacLeod, Chief Administrative Officer

Description of Affect of Proceeding

Within the materials filed by Hydro One Inc. and Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. it has been noted that Hydro One Inc. intends to consolidate regional operations at a new facility to be constructed in Woodstock. Exhibit A-3-1, Attachment 3b, shows the location of the Hydro One's Beachville Field Business Centre (BFBC) and the area it services.

The Township of Zorra has concern that closure of the BFBC will not only affect financial position of the municipality but will also increase response times to rural areas serviced by Hydro One.

The documents do not provide specific financial details on savings to be achieved by constructing a new location in Woodstock. The fact that a business case has not been presented makes this aspect of the sale to be premature and should not be approved by Ontario Energy Board. There should be a full and complete review of the present location, proposed location in Woodstock and alternate locations that may be a more suitable location for an operations centre.

Nature and Scope of Participation

The Township of Zorra intends to fully participate at the hearing to determine financial impacts on the proposed consolidation of regional operations at a new facility to be constructed in Woodstock.

The Township also believes that an in depth study should be carried out to determine whether emergency response times will be negatively impacted as a result of relocating service vehicles from an easily accessible rural location to an urban location.

It should also be noted the Township of Zorra has not been consulted by the City of Woodstock or Hydro One regarding the potential closure of the Beachville Field Business Centre. The failure to consult with a municipality that could be negatively impacted by the proposed sale, indicates this has not been an open and transparent process. The Township of Zorra cannot be fully satisfied until our concerns have been adequately addressed.

Please contact me if you have any further questions or comments on this reply

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Don MacLeod', written in a cursive style.

Don MacLeod
Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to: Mr. Michael Engelberg, Assistant General Counsel, Hydro One Inc.
Woodstock Hydro Services, c/o Mr. David Creery, Chief Administrative
Officer, City of Woodstock