Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2014-0336

**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 Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation for an order to amend its electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0517).

By delegation, before: Peter Fraser

# DECISION AND ORDER December 11, 2014

### THE APPLICATION

Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation ("Bluewater") filed an application on November 3, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend Bluewater's licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0517).

The service area amendment is required specifically to include a new customer presently included in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") service area. The property that is the subject of this application was vacant but has now been purchased by a new owner and a new residence is being constructed which warrants activation of new service. The property is located at 2331 Marshall Road in St. Clair Township.

Bluewater requested that its licence be amended to include the specific address of the property and that Hydro One's licence be amended to remove reference to this property.

#### FINDINGS

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

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more efficient for Bluewater to connect the property. Bluewater stated that the proposed service area amendment is consistent with the objective of a rational and efficient service area alignment based on both economic and engineering efficiency. Hydro One and the current owner and new owner of the property have confirmed their support of the proposed service area amendment.

No assets will be stranded or redundant as a result of the proposed amendment. Bluewater has indicated that the costs associated with connecting the customer to their service area will be much lower than Hydro One's costs. In addition, no negative impact on rates, safety, reliability or service quality of Bluewater 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. 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:

- Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0517), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the property located at 2331 Marshall Road, St. Clair Township, ON.
- Hydro One Network Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0343), specifically Appendix B – Tab 1 is amended to remove:

MUNICIPALITIES

Name of Municipality: Township of St. Clair

Formerly Known As: Township of Sombra, Township of Moore, as at December 31, 2000.

 Hydro One Network Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0343), specifically Appendix B – Tab 4 is amended to include

MUNICIPALITIES IN WHICH A PORTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY IS SERVED BY THE LICENSEE AND ANOTHER PORTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY IS SERVED BY ANOTHER DISTRIBUTOR

Name of Municipality: Township of St. Clair Formerly Known As: Township of Sombra, Township of Moore, as at December 31, 2000.

Area Not Served by Networks: The area served by Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation as more particularly set out in Licence No. ED-2002-0517.

## DATED at Toronto, December 11, 2014

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter Fraser Vice President, Industry Operations & Performance