

EB-2015-0153

**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 Ottawa River Power Corporation for an order to amend its electricity distribution licence (ED-2003-0033).

By delegation, before: Peter Fraser

# DECISION AND ORDER May 7, 2015

### THE APPLICATION

Ottawa River Power Corporation ("Ottawa River") filed an application on April 15, 2015 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend Ottawa River's licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence (ED-2003-0033).

The service area amendment is required specifically to include a certain service area located in the Almonte Ward that has recently been expanded by the Town of Mississippi Mills. The land that is the subject of this application is to be developed by Orchard View by the Mississippi Inc. The land is adjacent to Ottawa River's service area in the Ward of Almonte. The subject area currently resides in the service territory of Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One").

The description of the subject lot is:

1. Property of Orchard View on 219 Patterson Street, East Part of Lot 14, Concession 10, Almonte Ward, now in the town of Mississippi Mills.

#### **FINDINGS**

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of Ottawa River'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 Ottawa River to connect the property. To date Ottawa River provides service to the adjacent property. Ottawa River stated that the proposed service area amendment is consistent with the objective of a rational and efficient service area alignment based on economic efficiency. Hydro One and the developer of the land, Orchard View by Mississippi Inc., have confirmed their support of the proposed service area amendment.

No assets will be stranded or redundant as a result of the proposed amendment. In addition, no negative impact on costs, rates, safety, reliability or service quality of Ottawa River 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:

Ottawa River Power Corporation's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0033), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

1. Property of Orchard View on 219 Patterson Street, East Part of Lot 14, Concession 10, Almonte Ward, now in the town of Mississippi Mills.

No amendment is necessary to Hydro One Network Inc.'s licence.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 7, 2015

#### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter Fraser Vice President, Industry Operations & Performance