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BY COURIER

November 23, 2015

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street P.O. Box 2319 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Hydro One Networks' Request for Leave to Sell Distribution Assets to Fort Frances Power Corp.

Hydro One Networks seeks the Board's approval under Section 86(1)(b) of *the Ontario Energy Board Act* (*"the Act"*), 1998, for leave to sell assets to Fort Frances Power Corporation. Given that the proposed sale has no material effect on any other party, we ask that the Board dispose of this proceeding without a hearing under Section 21(4)(b) of *the Act*.

The assets being sold in this transaction are described in the attached application and are illustrated in the attached map.

Should you have any questions on this application, please contact Pasquale Catalano at (416) 345-5405 or via email at Pasquale.Catalano@HydroOne.com.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JOANNE RICHARDSON

Joanne Richardson

Attachment

cc: Joerg Ruppenstein, FFPC



Application Form for Applications Under Section 86(1)(b) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998

Application Instructions

1. Purpose of This Form

This form is to be used by parties applying under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"). Please note that the Board may require information that is additional or supplementary to the information filed in this form and that the filing of the form does not preclude the applicant from filing additional or supplementary information.

2. Completion Instructions

This form is in a writeable PDF. The applicant must either:

- type answers to all questions, print two copies, and sign both copies; or
- print a copy of the form, clearly print answers to all questions, make a copy, and sign both copies.

Please send both copies of the completed form and two copies of any attachments to:

Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

If you have any questions regarding the completion of this application, please contact the Market Operations Hotline by telephone at 416-440-7604 or 1-888-632-6273 or email at <u>market.operations@oeb.gov.on.ca</u>.

The Board's "Performance Standards for Processing Applications" are indicated on the "Corporate Information and Reports" section of the Board's website at <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. Applicants are encouraged to consider the timelines required to process applications to avoid submitting applications too late. If the submitted application is incomplete, it may be returned by the Board or there may be a delay in processing the application.

PART I: IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES

| 1.1 | Name of Applicant | |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Legal name of the applicant: | | Hydro One Networks Inc. |
| Name of Primary Contact: | | Pasquale Catalano |
| 1 | Fitle/Position: | Regulatory Analyst |
| ŀ | Address of Head Office: | 483 Bay Street, South Tower, Toronto, M5G 2P5 |
| F | Phone: | 416-345-5405 |
| F | ax: | 416-345-5866 |
| E | Email: | Regulatory@HydroOne.com |
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| | her Party to the Transaction (If more th | |
| | me of other party: | Joerg Ruppenstein |
| Na | me of Primary Contact: | Fort Frances Power Corporation |
| Tit | le/Position: | President & CEO |
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|-------------------------|--|
| Address of Head Office: | 320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9 |
| Phone: | 807-274-9291 |
| Fax: | 807-274-9375 |
| Email : | jruppenstein@fort-frances.com |
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| | 3 If the proposed recipient is not a licensed distributor or transmitter, is it a distributor or transmitter that is exempted from the requirement to hold a distribution or transmission licence? | | | |
|-----|--|--|--|--|
| | ☐ Yes ⊠ No | | | |
| | | | | |
| | PART II: DESCRIPTION OF ASSETS TO BE TRANSFERRED | | | |
| 2.1 | Please provide a description of the assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction. | | | |
| | The assets to be sold consist of 32 poles, 7,011 metres of conductor and 25 transformers. Please see Attachment 1 – "Asset Details". | | | |
| 2.2 | Please indicate where the assets are located – whether in the applicant's service area or in the proposed recipient's service area (if applicable). Please include a map of the location. | | | |
| | A section of Crozier DS F2 - 14.4kV primary conductor, along Frog Creek Road, from 1775 Frog Creek Road on the east to 1725 McIrvine Road to the west in Fort Frances Township. Please see Attachment 2 – "Map". These assets are located within the defined service territory of Fort Frances Power Corporation ("FFPC"). | | | |
| 2.3 | Are the assets surplus to the applicant's needs? | | | |
| | ☐ Yes ⊠ No | | | |
| | If yes, please indicate why the assets are surplus and when they became surplus. | | | |
| 2.4 | Are the assets useful to the proposed recipient or any other party in serving the public? | | | |
| | ∑ Yes □ No | | | |
| | If yes, please indicate why. | | | |
| | The assets are useful only to serve FFPC customers. | | | |
| 2.5 | Please identify which utility's customers are currently served by the assets. | | | |
| | These assets are currently used to serve Hydro One Networks ("Hydro One") customers. However, as noted in 2.2, these assets are situated within the current service territory of FFPC and the majority of customers served by these assets also fall within the current FFPC service area boundary. These customers are currently served and billed by Hydro One, but should have been set up as LTLT customers. This quasi-LTLT relationship was discussed in FFPCs last rate case. | | | |
| | In addition to the customers within the current boundary of FFPC, these assets also serve customers that fall outside of the current FFPC service area. In an effort to clean up the electrical boundaries between the two distributors, Hydro One and FFPC have agreed in principle to a service area amendment that would transfer the remaining customers served by these assets to FFPC. FFPC will be filing an application requesting this service area amendment shortly. | | | |

2.6 Please identify which utility's customers will be served by the assets after the transaction and into the foreseeable future.

The assets will be used to service FFPC customers.

PART III: DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION

| 3.1 | Will the proposed transaction be a sale, lease or other? |
|-----|---|
| 0.1 | Sale |
| | |
| | Other |
| | If other, please specify. |
| 3.2 | Please attach the details of the consideration (e.g. cash, assets, shares) to be given and received by each of the parties to the proposed transaction. |
| | This is a cash sale. The sale price is \$102,466.11 plus HST - \$13,320.59 for a total sale price of \$115,786.70. |
| 3.3 | Would the proposed transfer impact any other parties (e.g. joint users of poles) including any agreements with third parties? |
| | □Yes ⊠ No |
| | If yes, please explain how. |
| 3.4 | Would the proposed transfer impact distribution or transmission rates of the applicant? |
| | ☐ Yes ⊠ No |
| | If yes, please explain how. |
| 3.5 | Will the transaction adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service, operational flexibility or economic efficiency of the applicant or the proposed recipient? |
| | ☐ Yes ⊠ No |
| | If yes, please explain how. |

PART IV: WRITTEN CONSENT/JOINT AGREEMENT

4.1 Please provide the proposed recipient's written consent to the transfer of the assets by attaching:

- (a) a letter from the proposed recipient consenting to the transfer of the assets;
- (b) a letter or proposed sale agreement jointly signed by the applicant and the proposed recipient agreeing to the transfer of the assets; or
- (c) the proposed recipient's signature on the application.

(a) The letter is found in Attachment 3.

PART V: REQUEST FOR NO HEARING

5.1 Does the applicant request that the application be determined by the Board without a hearing? If yes, please provide:

- (a) an explanation as to how no person, other than the applicant or licence holder, will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding; and
- (b) the proposed recipient's written consent to dispose of the application without a hearing.
- (a) The line is being sold to FFPC as it is no longer useful to Hydro One. Please refer to Section 2.5.
- (b) The letter is found in Attachment 3.

PART VI: OTHER INFORMATION

6.1 Please provide the Board with any other information that is relevant to the application. When providing this additional information, please have due regard to the Board's objectives in relation to electricity.

In addition to this asset sale application, FFPC will also be filing a separate service area amendment application to acquire customers that currently reside outside the service area boundary of FFPC and are served by Hydro One Networks. In order to serve those customers, FFPC will require assets subject to this approval. Consequently, once the FFPC application is filed, Hydro One requests that the Board review and approve these applications jointly since these assets will be needed to serve the customers subject to the SAA approval currently residing outside the FFPC service area boundary.

PART VII: CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

| | Print Name of Key Individual | Title/Position |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Signature of Key Individual | | |
| 2 | Joanne Richardson | Director – Major Projects and |
| | | Partnerships |
| | Date | Company |
| | November 23, 2015 | |
| | | Hydro One Networks Inc. |

ATTACHMENT 1 - Asset Details

| Conductor Summary | | |
|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| Туре | Year | Length - meters |
| ОН | 1951 | 6161 |
| ОН | 1990 | 501 |
| UG | 1990 | 850 |
| Total | | 7512 |

| Transformer Summary | | | |
|---------------------|----------|------|--|
| Quantity | Size kVa | Year | |
| 1 | 25 | 1980 | |
| 2 | 25 | 1985 | |
| 1 | 25 | 1987 | |
| 3 | 25 | 1988 | |
| 8 | 25 | 1990 | |
| 5 | 25 | 1999 | |
| 1 | 25 | 2000 | |
| 2 | 25 | 2007 | |
| 1 | 25 | 2009 | |
| 1 | 167 | 1991 | |
| 25 | Total | | |

| Pole Summary | | |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| Quantity | Year | Size |
| 2 | 1951 | 30 ft |
| 1 | 1951 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 1967 | 35 ft |
| 3 | 1968 | 35 ft |
| 1 | 1972 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 1977 | 35 ft |
| 3 | 1978 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 1979 | 40 ft |
| 2 | 1980 | 45 ft |
| 1 | 1984 | 40 ft |
| 2 | 1985 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 1986 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 1986 | 45 ft |
| 2 | 1987 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 1988 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 1988 | 45 ft |
| 3 | 1991 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 1991 | 45 ft |
| 1 | 2006 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 2007 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 2008 | 40 ft |
| 1 | 2014 | 40 ft |
| 32 | Total | |

ATTACHMENT 2 - Map



ATTACHMENT 3 - Letter

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John Blackburn Account Executive



November 17, 2015

Fort Frances Power Corporation 320 Portage Avenue, P.O. Box 38 Fort Frances, ON, P9A 3P9 Attention: Mr. Joerg Ruppenstein

Dear Mr. Ruppenstein,

Re: Hydro One Sale of Section of Crozier DS F2 Feeder to Fort France Power Corporation

This letter is to confirm Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") agreement to sell specified assets along Frog Creek Road and McIrvine Road to Fort Frances Power Corporation for \$102,466.11 plus HST - \$13,320.59 for a total sale price of \$115,786.70, conditional to the OEB's approval. This also confirms that Fort Frances Power Corporation supports Hydro One to proceed with the Section 86(1)(b) application without a hearing.

The assets will be sold, following the OEB's approval, on an "as is, where is" basis, pursuant to Hydro One's standard asset purchase and sale agreement. The assets being sold in this transaction are found in Attachment I and supported by the Attachment 2 – Detailed Map, which includes the following:

A section of Crozier DS F2 14.4kV primary conductor, along Frog Creek Road, from 1775 Frog . Creek Road on the east to 1725 McIrvine Road to the west in Fort Frances Township.

If you are in agreement with these conditions of sale, please sign and return this letter at your earliest convenience. On receipt of this signed letter of consent and indemnity, we will proceed to obtain formal approval to sell these assets to Fort Frances Power Corporation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours truly,

John Blackburn Account Executive Key Account Management



Re: <u>Hydro One Sale of Section of Crozier DS F2 Feeder to Fort France Power Corporation</u> (Continued)

Acknowledgement

I, Joerg Ruppenstein, Fort Frances Power Corporation, agree with content, terms and conditions set out in this letter regarding the purchase of assets along Frog Creek Road for \$102,466.11 plus HST - \$13,320.59 for a total sale price of \$115,786.70 and support Hydro One to proceed with the Section 86(1)(b) application without a hearing.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JOERG RUPPENSTEIN

Per: _____ Joerg Ruppenstein President and CEO Fort Frances Power Corporation I have authority to bind the Corporation.