

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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2015-0355

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for leave to sell distribution assets to 533935 Ontario Ltd., doing business as Rus-Ton Family Campground.

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Peter Fraser Vice President Industry Operations & Performance

January 21, 2016

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THE APPLICATION

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 9, 2015 under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act), for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell distribution system assets to 533935 Ontario Ltd., doing business as Rus-Ton Family Campground (Rus-Ton Campground). The assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction are three overhead distribution transformers located at 9787 Lakeshore Road in Grand Bend, Ontario. Specifically, the assets are described as:

- 1. 1976 two 50 kVA overhead transformers;
- 2. 1989 one 50 kVA overhead transformer.

THE PROCESS

Hydro One requested, with Rus-Ton Campground's consent, that the OEB dispose of this matter without a hearing. I find, based on the evidence filed in the application, that no other person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this proceeding. I have proceeded to decide the application without a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the Act.

FINDINGS

Section 86(1)(b) of the Act provides that leave of the OEB is required before a transmitter or a distributor can "sell, lease or otherwise dispose of that part of its transmission or distribution system that is necessary in serving the public." The assets that are the subject of this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

The sale is for the purposes of transferring ownership of the assets that are located on land owned by the recipient. The applicant states that the assets proposed to be sold to Rus-Ton Campground exclusively serve and will continue to serve the same Hydro One customer. After completion of the proposed transaction, Rus-Ton Campground will own the assets instead of the utility, but there will be no change in supply. The applicant states that the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service or operational flexibility for any other customers connected to the feeder. The

proposed transfer will not impact distribution or transmission rates of the applicant.

The sale of the assets is a cash sale for the price of \$588.25 plus HST. The sale price covers the net book value of the assets.

I find that the proposed transaction is reasonable and is not anticipated to have any negative effects. It is therefore in the public interest to grant Hydro One leave to sell the assets described above to Rus-Ton Campground.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell three overhead distribution transformers located at 9787 Lakeshore Road in Grand Bend, Ontario to 533935 Ontario Ltd., doing business as Rus-Ton Family Campground.

DATED at Toronto January 21, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter Fraser Vice President, Industry Operations & Performance