



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2016-0007

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for leave to sell distribution assets to the City of Owen Sound (Harrison Park).

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

February 11, 2016

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THE APPLICATION

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 6, 2016 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 the City of Owen Sound. The assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction are three underground distribution transformers located in Harrison Park at 75 2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound, Ontario. Specifically, the assets are described as:

1. 2005 – one 300 kVA underground transformer;
2. 2009 – two 100 kVA underground transformers.

THE PROCESS

Hydro One requested, with the City of Owen Sound'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 purchaser, the City of Owen Sound, Harrison Park. The applicant states that the assets proposed to be sold exclusively serve and will continue to serve the same Hydro One customer. After completion of the proposed transaction, the City of Owen Sound 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 \$48,594.81 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 the City of Owen Sound (Harrison Park).

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell three underground distribution transformers located at 75 2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound, Ontario to the City of Owen Sound (Harrison Park).

DATED at Toronto February 11, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter Fraser
Vice President, Industry Operations & Performance