



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

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## **ORDER**

**EB-2016-0293**

## **VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.**

**Application for a Service Area Amendment**

**BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Peter Fraser**  
Vice President  
Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

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**October 27, 2016**

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**ORDER**

Veridian Connections Inc. (Veridian) filed an application dated October 3, 2016 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an order of the OEB to amend Veridian's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0503.

This service area amendment is required in order for Veridian to provide electricity distribution services to one general service customer currently located in the licensed service territory of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) in the City of Belleville.

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for Veridian to serve the proposed customer. Veridian can connect this customer to their adjacent sub-transmission system at the cost significantly lower than Hydro One.

Hydro One, the incumbent distributor, has confirmed its support of the application. No negative impact on rates, safety, reliability or service quality of Veridian or Hydro One has been identified as a result of the proposed amendment.

I have considered the application without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act. I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of Veridian's electricity distribution licence. I note that Hydro One's licence is not required to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Veridian Connections Inc.'s electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0503), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the lands described as:

Part Lot 32-36, Concession 2 in the City of Quinte West, Hastings County  
Plan 21-R-24570 parts 1 & 3, municipally known as 380 Bell Boulevard,  
Belleville, Ontario

**DATED** at Toronto, October 27, 2016

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Peter Fraser  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance