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# Elimination of Long Term Load Transfers Between

# Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.

### And

# Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.

# Combined Service Area Amendment and Asset Transfer Application

Date: March 17, 2017

# PART I: SERVICE AREA AMENDMENT

### 1.1 Basic Facts

This joint application addresses the elimination of long-term load transfer ("LTLT") arrangements between Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. ("NPEI") and Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. ("WHESC").

This is an application combining and streamlining the elements of a Service Area Amendment application and a Section 86(1)(b) Transfer of Assets application for LTLT purposes only.

#### 1.2 Identification of the Parties

#### 1.2.1 Applicant

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	Licence Number: ED-2007-0749
7447 Pin Oak Drive Box 120	Contact Person: Paul Blythin
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6S9	Telephone Number: 905-356-2681 ext 6064
	Facsimile Number: 905-356-0118
	E-mail Address: paul.blythin@npei.ca

#### 1.2.2 Co-Applicant

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	Licence Number: ED-2003-0002
950 East Main Street P.O. Box 280 Welland, Ontario L3B 5P6	Contact Person: Kevin Bailey
	Telephone Number: 905-732-1381 ext 252
	Facsimile Number: 905-732-0123
	E-mail Address: kbailey@wellandhydro.com

#### 1.3 Description of Proposed Service Area

1.3.1	Provide a detailed service area description of the area(s) that is subject to the SAA and how the amendments should be reflected in Schedule 1 of the licence(s) of the distributor(s).
	The proposed amendments are premise specific. Upon approval of this application, all of the premises listed in Attachment 1 will be added to WHESC's licence, and removed from NPEI's licence.
	These amendments should be reflected in NPEI's and WHESC's respective distribution licences as follows:
	<u>Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (ED-2007-0749)</u>
	At the time of filing this application, Item1 of Schedule 1 of NPEI's distribution licence reads as follows:
	1. The City of Niagara Falls as at January 1, 1980 excluding the customers located at 8001 Daly Street, 7780 Stanley Ave and 6225 Progress Street.
	The proposed wording of Item1 of Schedule 1 in NPEI's amended licence is as follows:
	1. The City of Niagara Falls as at January 1, 1980, excluding the customers located at the following physical addresses:
	<ul> <li>8001 Daly Street, Niagara Falls</li> <li>7780 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls</li> <li>6225 Progress Street, Niagara Falls</li> <li>10005 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9885 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9850 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9815 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9778 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9735 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9651 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9657 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9578 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9478 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9478 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9478 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9927 Schisler Road, Welland</li> <li>9982 Young Road, Welland</li> </ul>

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1.3.1	Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (ED-2003-0002)					
Cont'd	At the time of filing this application, Item 1 of WHESC's distribution licence reads as follows:					
	1. The City of Welland as of January 1, 1991.					
	The proposed wording of Item 1 of Schedule 1 in WHESC's amended licence is as follows:					
	1. The City of Welland as of January 1, 1991, including the customers located at the following physical addresses:					
	<ul> <li>10005 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9885 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9850 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9815 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9778 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9651 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9651 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9578 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9478 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9478 Carl Road RR1, Port Robinson</li> <li>9927 Schisler Road, Welland</li> <li>9982 Young Road, Welland</li> </ul>					
1.3.2	Provide maps or diagrams of the area(s) that is the subject of the SAA application.					
	Please see Attachment 2 for maps relating to the customers proposed to be transferred from NPEI to WHESC.					
	There are no customers to be transferred from WHESC to NPEI.					
1.3.3	Provide a description of the type of physical connection(s); i.e., individual customer; residential subdivision, commercial or industrial customer.					
	Fourteen individual customers are proposed to be transferred from NPEI to WHESC (13 Residential customers and 1 General Service < 50 kW customers). Details are provided in Attachment 1.					
	There are no customers to be transferred from WHESC to NPEI.					

### 1.4 Information on Affected Load Transfer Customers

1.4.1	Provide the total number of Load Transfer Arrangements between distributors
	The following Load Transfer Arrangements currently exist between NPEI and WHESC: Fourteen customers of NPEI are supplied by WHESC.
1.4.2	Provide the number of Load Transfer Arrangements eliminated in this application This application proposes to eliminate all of the load transfer arrangements between NPEI and WHESC listed in Section 1.4.1 above.

1.4.3	Provide the number of customers to be transferred from NPEI to WHESC.
	Please see Section 1.3.3 above.
1.4.4	Provide the number of customers to be transferred from WHESC to NPEI.
	There are no customers to be transferred from WHESC to NPEI.
1.4.5	Provide the list of affected load transfer customers. (Customer listing must include customer address, name, billing address, rate class and meter number)
	Please see Attachment 1.
1.4.6	Provide written confirmation that all affected persons have been provided with specific and factual information about the service area amendment(s).
	The applicants confirm that the affected customers have been notified of the proposed service area amendments. Please see Attachment 3 for a sample letter.

#### 1.5 Impacts Arising from the Amendment(s)

Use the table below to describe the impact on the average residential customers' total bill that arises as a result of the service area amendment(s) before and after rate mitigation is applied. Use delivery charge on consumer's bill (including cost of losses and excluding all rate riders). Use 750 kWh / month for the average residential consumer. Provide any additional information as required.

For the customers transferring from NPEI to WHESC, Table 1 below shows the delivery impact on an average customer's total bill. The proposed transfer results in a reduction in delivery charges; therefore no rate mitigation is required for these customers.

#### Table 1:

Bill Impacts at Typical Consumption Levels for Customers Moving from NPEI (Rates Effective May 1, 2016) to WHESC (Rates Effective May 1, 2016)

		NPEI			WHESC				Average
Monthly Consumption (kWh)	Rate Class	Fixed Charge (\$)	Variable Charge (\$/kWh)*	Delivery Charge (\$)**	Rate Class	Fixed Charge (\$)	Variable Charge (\$/kWh)	Delivery Charge (\$)**	Monthly Delivery Impact on Total Bill
750	RES	21.94	0.0144	46.50	RES	18.76	0.0105	42.08	(4.43)
2,000	GS < 50	38.05	0.0143	100.42	GS < 50	29.23	0.0086	83.82	(16.60)

\* Includes low voltage charge

\*\* Includes RTSR charges and cost of losses

Provide a description of any assets which may be stranded or become redundant after completion of the 1.5.2 service area amendment(s). Please explain why these assets could not be transferred to the physical distributor.

Upon approval of the service area amendment and transfer of customers, the existing meters will be replaced with meters belonging to the physical distributor.

1.5.3	Identify costs for stranded equipment that would need to be de-energized or removed.
	The residual value of any meters that would not be reutilized is immaterial.
1.5.4	Identify any assets that will be transferred to and/or from the applicant(s). If an asset transfer is required, please complete Part II of the application form.
	For assets to be transferred from NPEI to WHESC, please see Attachment 1.
1.5.5	Include an estimate of the credit required for each customer to ensure there is not a negative impact on the total bill.
	As shown in Table 1 in Section 1.5.1, customers moving from NPEI to WHESC will see a reduction in their monthly delivery charges. As such, no credits are required for these customers.

# PART II: TRANSFER OF ASSETS (S. 86(1)(b))

#### 2.1 Description of the Assets to Be Transferred

2.1.1	Provide a description of the assets that are the subject of the transaction. (Attach a detailed list of assets to be sold including value of assets) Please see Attachment 1 for a detailed listing of the assets to be sold by NPEI to WHESC.
2.1.2	Indicate where the assets are located – whether in the applicant's service territory or in the recipient's service territory (if applicable). Please include a map of the location.
	The assets are located within the territory that that will be transferred from the geographical distributor (NPEI) to the physical distributor (WHESC) if the application is approved. Please see Attachment 2 maps indicating the location of the assets.
2.1.3	Indicate which distributor's customers are currently served by the assets. Currently, the assets are being used to service NPEI's customers. Once the application is approved, the assets will continue to service the same customers they currently service. The customers will be transferred from NPEI to WHESC.

### 2.2 Description of the Sale Transaction

The value of the assets to be transferred shall be determined based on net book value (NBV). Attach the details of the associated cash consideration to be given and received by each of the parties to the transaction.
NPEI will sell the assets servicing the subject Geographical Customers to WHESC for \$22,282 plus applicable taxes. A detailed listing of the assets is included in Attachment 1.
Will the transfer impact any other parties (e.g. joint users of poles) including any agreements with third parties? If yes, please specify how.
No third parties will be impacted by the proposed transfer.

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# PART III: CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

#### Applicant (Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.):

I certify that the information contained in this application and in the documents provided are true and accurate.

Signature of Key Individual	Name and Title of Key Individual	Date
Agametilism	Suzanne Wilson Vice-President, Finance	Mark 16/2017

(Must be signed by a key individual. A key individual is one that is responsible for executing the following functions for the applicant: matters related to regulatory requirements and conduct, financial matters and technical matters. These key individuals may include the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, other officers, directors or proprietors.)

#### Co-Applicant (Welland Hydro-Electric Service Corp.):

I certify that the information contained in this application and in the documents provided are true and accurate.

Signature of Key Individual	Name and Title of Key Individual	Date
1) At	Wayne Armstrong,	Feb 15, 2017
Marsh man	President & CEO	422- , , ,

(Must be signed by a key individual. A key individual is one that is responsible for executing the following functions for the applicant: matters related to regulatory requirements and conduct, financial matters and technical matters. These key individuals may include the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, other officers, directors or proprietors.

# List of Attachments

- Attachment 1Geographical Distributor (NPEI) LTLT Customer and Asset Transfer<br/>InformationAttachment 2Geographical Distributor (NPEI) LTLT Maps
- Attachment 3 Sample Customer Letter

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# Attachment 1

# **Geographical Distributor (NPEI)**

# LTLT Customer and Asset Transfer Information

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	Geographical Distributor LTLT customer and Asset transfer information (NPE)							
Map #	Primary Customer Name	Number	Street	City	Postal Code	Meter ID No.	Classification Figure #	Geographical Distributor Rate Class
						Meter		
			Premis	e Address		Information		
1		10005	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	600977	Fig.6	Residential
1		10005	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	601031	Fig.6	Residential
1		9885	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	601029	Fig.6	Residential
2		9885	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	601030	Fig.6	Residential
2		9850	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	647288	Fig.13	Residential
2		9815	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	601028	Fig.5	Residential
2		9778	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	600976	Fig.1	GS<50
2		9735	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	601047	Fig.6	Residential
3		9651	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	601046	Fig.5	Residential
3		9578	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	601045	Fig.5	Residential
3		9477	CARL RD RR1	PORT ROBINSON	LOS 1KO	601044	Fig.5	Residential
4		10045	SCHISLER RD	WELLAND	L3B5N4	646775	Fig.6	Residential
4		9927	SCHISLER RD	WELLAND	L3B5N4	603702	Fig.6	Residential
5		9982	YOUNG RD	WELLAND	L3B5N4	627223	Fig.6	Residential

# Geographical Distributor LTLT Customer and Asset Transfer Information (NPEI)

### CARL ROAD PRIMARY AND POLES

If many streets involved, provide names of all the streets.

Summary of Assets to be Sold by NPEI to WHESC

	Poles								
Quantity	Height	Age	Set	Residual Value	<b>Total Asset Value</b>				
3	40	25	Earth Plus	\$654.00	\$1,962.00				
1	40	11	Earth Plus	\$1,021.00	\$1,021.00				
1	40	18	Earth Plus	\$838.00	\$838.00				
1	40	20	Earth Plus	\$784.00	\$784.00				
1	40	41	Earth Plus	\$236.00	\$236.00				
1	35	14	Earth Plus	\$778.00	\$778.00				
1	35	25	Earth Plus	\$539.00	\$539.00				
1	35	38	Earth Plus	\$259.00	\$259.00				
1	35	68	Earth Plus	\$0.00	\$0.00				
11					\$6,417.00				

Primary and Neutral - Wire							
Location	Line Length (m)	# of Phases	Total Length (m)	Price/metre	Total Asset Value		
CARL ROAD	664	1	664	\$3.00	\$1,992.00		
				\$3.00	\$0.00		
Totals	664		664		\$1,992.00		

Buss - Wire							
Location	# of Spans	Price/span	Total Asset Value				
		\$180.00	\$0.00				
		\$180.00	\$0.00				
		\$180.00	\$0.00				
Totals	0		\$0.00				

Secondary Services to Premise							
Location	Figure #	Price/Premise	Total Asset Value				
			\$0.00				
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			\$0.00				
			\$0.00				
			\$0.00				
Totals			\$0.00				

Transformers						
Quantity	Age	Size (KVA)	Residual Value	<b>Total Asset Value</b>		
				\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
0				\$0.00		

### SCHISLER RD PRIMARY AND POLES

If many streets involved, provide names of all the streets.

Summary of Assets to be Sold by NPEI to WHESC

Poles								
Quantity	Height	Age	Set	Residual Value	Total Asset Value			
2	35	25	Earth Plus	\$539.00	\$1,078.00			
1	40	50	Earth Plus	\$0.00	\$0.00			
1	35	31	Earth Plus	\$411.00	\$411.00			
1	30	25	Earth Plus	\$526.00	\$526.00			
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5					\$2,015.00			

Primary and Neutral - Wire							
Location	Line Length (m)	# of Phases	Total Length (m)	Price/metre	Total Asset Value		
10045/9927 SCHISLER RD	130	1	130	\$3.00	\$390.00		
				\$3.00	\$0.00		
Totals	130		130		\$390.00		

Buss - Wire							
Location	# of Spans	Price/span	Total Asset Value				
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### YOUNG ROAD PRIMARY & POLES

If many streets involved, provide names of all the streets.

Summary of Assets to be Sold by NPEI to WHESC

	Poles							
Quantity	Height	Age	Set	Residual Value	<b>Total Asset Value</b>			
1	35	25	Earth Plus	\$539.00	\$539.00			
1	40	25	Earth Plus	\$654.00	\$654.00			
			Earth Plus		\$0.00			
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			Earth Plus		\$0.00			
			Earth Plus		\$0.00			
2					\$1,193.00			

Primary and Neutral - Wire											
Location	Line Length (m)	# of Phases	Total Length (m)	Price/metre	<b>Total Asset Value</b>						
9982 YOUNG ROAD	60	1	60	\$3.00	\$180.00						
				\$3.00	\$0.00						
Totals	60		60		\$180.00						

Buss - Wire											
Location	# of Spans	Price/span	Total Asset Value								
		\$180.00	\$0.00								
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		\$180.00	\$0.00								
Totals	0		\$0.00								

Secondary Services to Premise									
Location	Figure #	Price/Premise	Total Asset Value						
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Totals			\$0.00						

	Transformers									
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Summary of Assets to be Sold by NPEL to WHESC

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Transformers	5	10 4	15 3	25 2	30 0	37.5 0	50 0	75 0	100	167 0	225 0	Total 10
Primary Wire (metres)	894											
Secondary O/H Wire (Metres)	600											
Secondary U/G Wire (Metres)	315											
Current Transformers	2											
Sentinel Lights	0											
Easements	0											

Total Asset Values								
Poles	11,248							
Transformers	5,772							
Wire	4,416							
Secondary Bus	540							
Current Transformers	306							
Sentinel Lights								
Easments								
TOTAL	22,282							

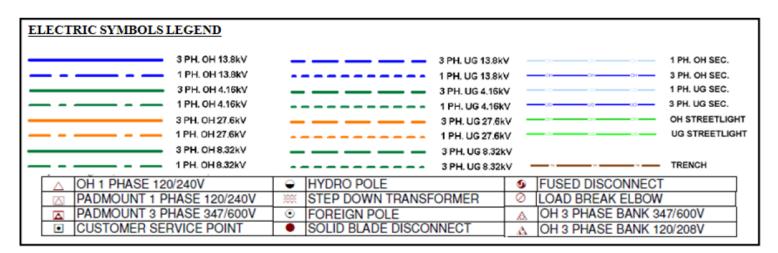
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# Attachment 2

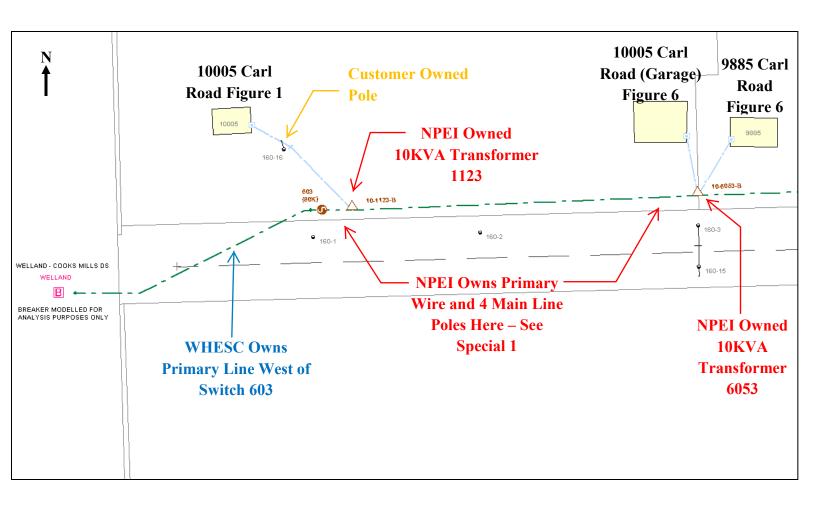
# **Geographical Distributor (NPEI)**

# LTLT Maps

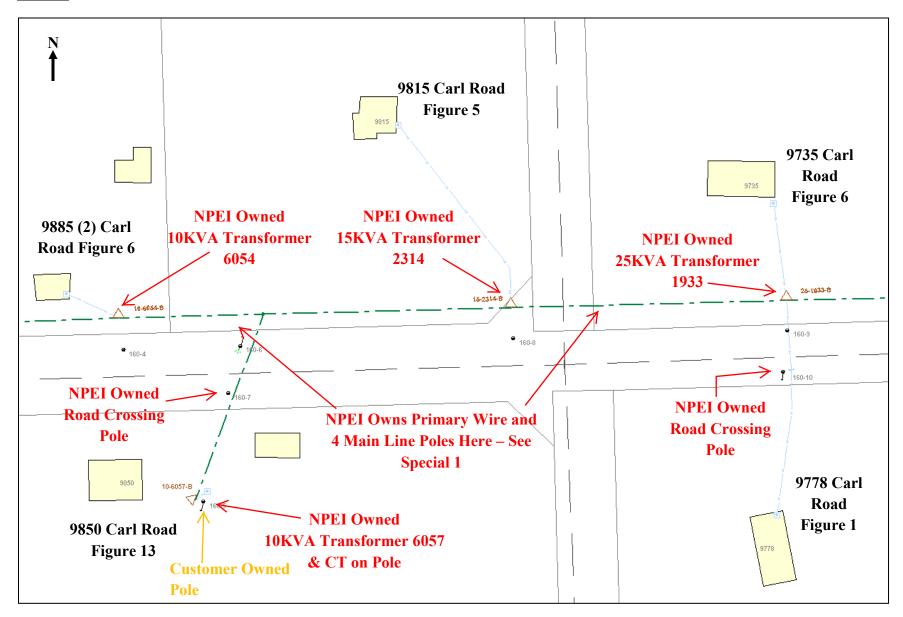
# Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (NPEI) Geographical LDC Maps for LTLT Elimination with Welland Hydro-Electric Systems Corp. (WHESC) as Physical LDC



<u>Map #1</u>



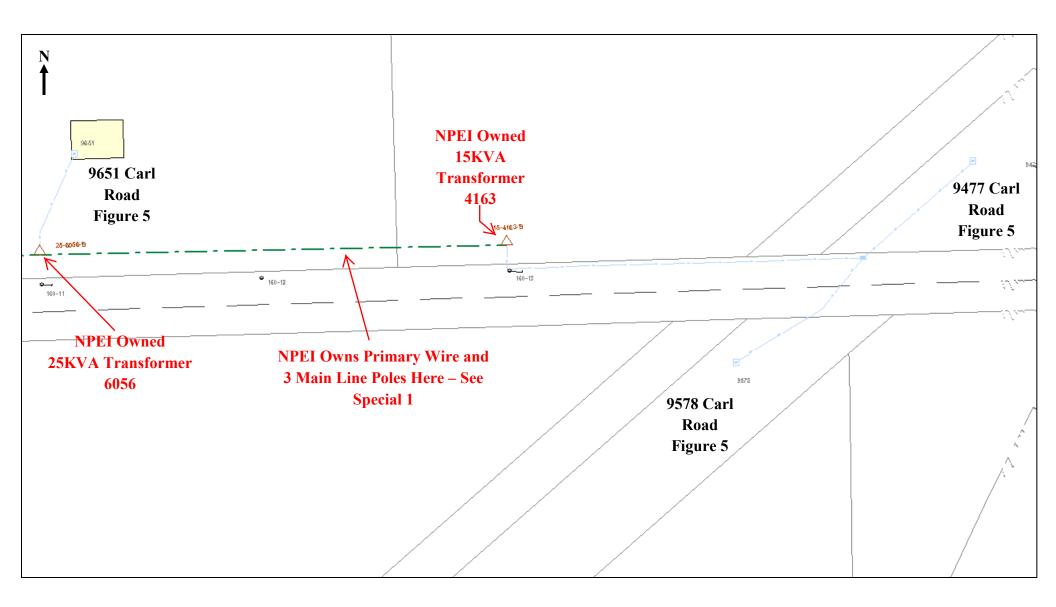
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### <u>Map #2</u>

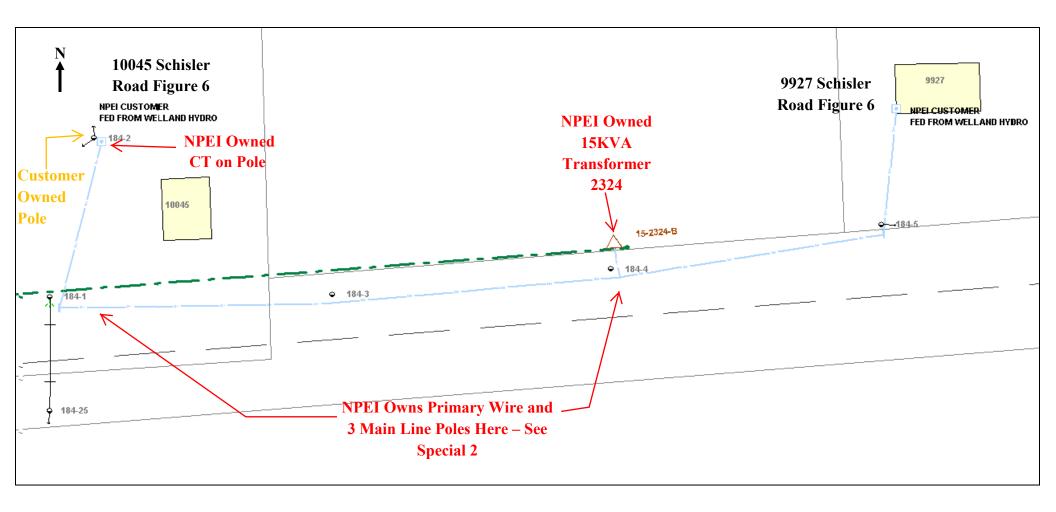
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# <u>Map #3</u>

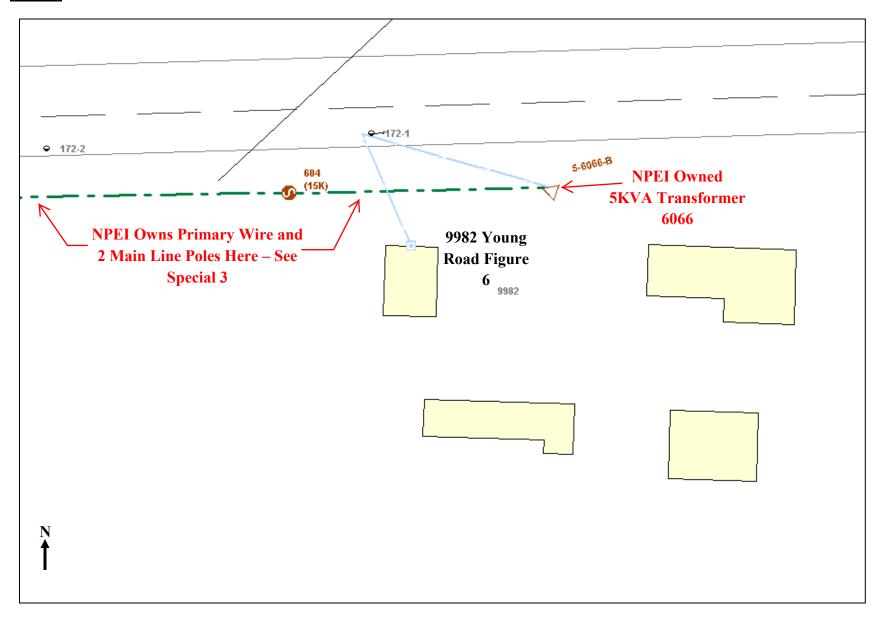


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### <u>Map #4</u>



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### <u>Map #5</u>

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# Attachment 3

Sample Customer Letter

### Sample Customer Letter – NPEI Customer

### YOU WILL SOON BE SERVED BY A NEW ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTOR

Dear valued customer:

We are writing to let you know you will be served by a new electricity distributor. While you are currently a customer of Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. and charged Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.'s distribution rates, your electricity is provided to you by Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. Pending the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) approval, Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. will become your electricity distributor in the near future. We expect this change to take place in approximately [xxx] weeks.

### What This Means To You

We are making this change to serve you better.

It is more cost-effective and efficient for all electricity consumers to have the same distributor deliver electricity to your [home/business] and provide you with customer service. For example, if your power goes out, you will now be contacting Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. – the distributor that has control over when the power will be restored. Once this transfer is complete, Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. will be responsible for delivering electricity to you, reading your smart meters, issuing your monthly bills and providing you with quality customer service.

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. will ensure the delivery of electricity to your [home/business] is not affected in any way, due to this transfer. As a result of this transfer, the estimated reduction in your electricity bill is approximately xx% or \$xx per month.

In the next weeks ahead, you will receive the following notifications from us:

- Notification of the meter change that effectively moves your service from Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. to your new electricity distributor Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.
- Regular billing between time of notification and the last reading, at which time the meter change occurs.
- Final Bill which will include your last reading from Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. concluding service. Please note that account balances will not be transferred to your new electricity distributor. Balances should be paid to the distributor which has rendered the bill.

Please do not hesitate to contact [name of person] at Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. at [phone number], if you have any questions or concerns.