



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

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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2017-0131**

### **HYDRO OTTAWA LIMITED**

**Application for leave to sell distribution assets to the Department  
of National Defence**

**BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson**  
Vice President  
Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

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**April 6, 2017**

## DECISION AND ORDER

### THE APPLICATION

Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 15, 2017 under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (Act)*, for a Decision and Order granting Hydro Ottawa leave to sell one specific distribution system asset to the Department of National Defence (the DND). The proposed asset to be sold is a CAMTRAN padmount distribution transformer TP4744 with the voltage rating of 27.6/16 kV, 347/600 V, 1000 kVA and serial number of 05C2376701, located at 8295 Franktown Road, Richmond, Ontario.

### THE PROCESS

Hydro Ottawa submits that the padmount transformer serves the needs of the DND only and there are no other persons affected by the outcome of this application. 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 transformer that is the subject of this transaction is necessary in serving the public.

Hydro Ottawa notes that the transformer resides on the DND's campus and is used to feed the DND buildings. As such, no Hydro Ottawa customers will be served by this asset. Hydro Ottawa states that there will be no impact on Hydro Ottawa's distribution rates as a result of the asset sale and the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service, operational flexibility or economic efficiency of Hydro Ottawa. The application indicates that the sale of the asset is for the sum of \$28,097.90 including all applicable taxes.

As part of the application, the applicant has included a certificate of Inspection from the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA), along with the DND's consent letter, where the DND acknowledges that the equipment cannot be resold to another distributor, once it has acquired the equipment from Hydro Ottawa.

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 Ottawa leave to sell the distribution transformer to the DND.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Hydro Ottawa Limited is granted leave to sell one CAMTRAN padmount distribution transformer TP4744 with the serial number of 05C2376701 to the Department of National Defence.

**DATED** at Toronto April 6, 2017

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance