



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2017-0157

HYDRO OTTAWA LIMITED

**Application for leave to sell distribution assets to the Ottawa
Hospital**

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

May 25, 2017

DECISION AND ORDER

THE APPLICATION

Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 5, 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 distribution system assets to the Ottawa Hospital. The proposed assets to be sold are five metering assets (Elster A3RL meters) with the serial numbers of 12302222, 12302228 and 13448224 at 401 Smyth Road and 12074626 and 13021900 at 501 Smyth Road, all within the Ottawa Hospital campus.

THE PROCESS

Hydro Ottawa submits that the metering assets serve the needs of the Ottawa Hospital 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 metering assets that are the subject of this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

Hydro Ottawa notes that the metering assets reside in the Ottawa Hospital's campus on 401 and 501 Smyth Road and will be used by the Ottawa Hospital to track usage by various parts of the campus. As such, no Hydro Ottawa customers will be served by these assets. Hydro Ottawa states that there will be no impact on Hydro Ottawa's distribution rates as a result of the 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 \$1,263.28 including all applicable taxes.

As part of the application, the applicant has included a general inspection report from the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA), along with the Ottawa Hospital's consent letter.

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 metering assets to the Ottawa Hospital.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro Ottawa Limited is granted leave to sell five metering assets with the serial numbers of 12302222, 12302228 and 13448224 at 401 Smyth Road and 12074626 and 13021900 at 501 Smyth Road to the Ottawa Hospital.

DATED at Toronto May 25, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance