



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2017-0249

ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION

BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.

Joint Application for Elimination of Load Transfer Arrangements

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

June 29, 2017

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra) and Burlington Hydro Inc. (Burlington Hydro) have jointly applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to amend their respective licenced service areas such that one remaining load transfer arrangement between the two distributors is eliminated. A load transfer arrangement is a situation in which a customer located in the licensed service area of one distributor (the geographic distributor) is physically served by another distributor (the physical distributor).

The application is granted, as set out in this Decision and Order.

THE PROCESS

This Decision and Order is being issued without a hearing by Delegated Authority, pursuant to Section 6(4) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act).

THE APPLICATION

Pursuant to the Distribution System Code (DSC) amendments made by the OEB in EB-2015-0006 and in accordance with the OEB's filing guidelines for combined service area amendments and sale of assets, Alectra and Burlington Hydro (collectively, the Applicants) filed a joint application with the OEB on February 15, 2017 under sections 74 and 86(1)(b) of the Act. The purpose of the application was to eliminate load transfer arrangements between the two distributors. The OEB assigned file number EB-2017-0095 to that application and, on May 4, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Order approving the proposed service area amendments and sale of assets.

On June 21, 2017, the Applicants filed a letter with the OEB and requested a further amendment to each of their respective licenced service areas, due to the recent identification of a "Residential" load transfer customer, located at 348 Mountain Brow Road, Hamilton, ON (the Customer) that was not included in the EB-2017-0095 application. The Applicants submit that Alectra is geographic distributor to the Customer, while Burlington Hydro is physically providing electricity to the Customer, as the physical distributor.

The Applicants submit that only the Customer is being transferred from Alectra to Burlington Hydro, as part of this new joint application, and that no sale of distribution assets is required as a result of this transfer.

FINDINGS

The OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment proposed by the Applicants in order to eliminate the remaining load transfer arrangement between Alectra and Burlington Hydro. Alectra and Burlington Hydro's licences will be amended to reflect the proposed transfer of the Customer.

The Customer being transferred from Alectra to Burlington Hydro will experience a reduction in monthly delivery charges and, therefore, no credit is required for the Customer.

Alectra and Burlington Hydro are reminded that both geographic and physical distributors shall ensure that all relevant Customer information including, but not limited to, information regarding security deposit and consumption is properly transferred to the physical distributor to allow for the continuous billing of the Customer and the continuous application of Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) rate assistance to the bills of the Customer, if applicable.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Schedule 1 of Alectra Utilities Corporation's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2016-0360) is amended. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.
2. Schedule 1 of Burlington Hydro Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0004) is amended. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto June 29, 2017

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Original signed by

Brian Hewson

Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance