



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2017-0245

ENERGY + INC.

WATERLOO NORTH 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

Energy + Inc. (Energy +) and Waterloo North Hydro Inc. (Waterloo North) have jointly applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval to amend the service areas of both distributors such that all existing load transfer arrangements between the two distributors are 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

Energy + and Waterloo North (collectively, the Applicants) filed a joint application on June 20, 2017 under sections 74 and 86(1)(b) of the Act.

The application was filed 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. In EB-2015-0006, the OEB set out its policy on the elimination of load transfer arrangements between electricity distributors in Ontario. On December 21, 2015, section 6.5.3 of the DSC was amended to require distributors to eliminate all load transfer arrangements by June 21, 2017, and section 6.5.6 was amended to prohibit distributors from entering into any new load transfer arrangements.

Through the application, Energy + seeks to transfer one "General Service" customer to Waterloo North. There are no customers being transferred from Waterloo North to Energy +, as part of this application.

Energy + also requests the OEB's approval to sell the distribution assets servicing this customer to Waterloo North for \$5,457 plus applicable taxes. The Applicants submit that there are no third parties impacted by this sale and no assets will be stranded, if the application is approved.

FINDINGS

The OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendments and sale of assets as proposed by the Applicants in order to eliminate the load transfer arrangements between Energy + and Waterloo North. Energy + and Waterloo North's licences will be amended to reflect the proposed transfer of the affected customer.

As prescribed in section 6.5.4 of the DSC, the affected General Service customer moving from Energy + to Waterloo North shall receive a monthly bill credit to offset the increase in delivery charges. The credit shall be calculated using the customer's average monthly consumption over the most recent 12 months from the application filing date with the OEB. The credit shall be fixed at this calculated level and remain in place as long as the customer remains the account holder.

Energy + and Waterloo North are reminded that both geographic and physical distributors shall ensure that all relevant customer information including, but not limited to, information regarding security deposits and consumption is properly transferred to the physical distributor to allow for the continuous billing of the customer.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Schedule 1 of Energy + Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0574) is amended. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.
2. Schedule 1 of Waterloo North Distribution Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0575) is amended. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.
3. Energy + Inc. is granted leave to sell assets listed in Schedule A (Table 1) to Waterloo North Hydro Inc.

DATED at Toronto June 29, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance

SCHEDULE A

The assets being transferred between Energy + and Waterloo North are listed below:

Table 1 - List of assets being sold by Energy + to Waterloo North

Asset Type	Count
Poles	-
Transformers	3
Primary Wire and Neutral (m)	-
Secondary Buss (m)	-
Secondary O/H Wire (m)	-
Secondary U/G Wire (m)	-
Current Transformers	-
Sentinel Lights	-
Easements	-
Total (\$) before applicable taxes	\$5,457