

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

# ORDER EB-2017-0222

### HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

July 13, 2017

#### ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) filed an application on June 1, 2017 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for a service area amendment.

The service area amendment would include the land described as Conc 1J and 2J, Lot 4, Parcel 13424, Township of Jaffray Melick, Kenora, within HONI's service area. The subject land consists of one 39 acre parcel of property which is currently located within the licensed service area of Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. (Kenora).

The service areas within which HONI and Kenora are authorized to provide electricity distribution services are set out in Schedule 1 of their respective licences ED-2003-0043 and ED-2003-0030.

This Order is being issued by Delegated Authority, pursuant to Section 6 of the OEB Act. Delegated Authority has considered the application without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for HONI to serve the customer. HONI's existing infrastructure is approximately 200 meters from the point of connection, whereas Kenora's distribution system is 600 meters away. In addition, if connected to Kenora's distribution system, the customer would need to obtain easements from the adjacent properties and incur additional tree cutting cost. The letters filed with the application indicate that both, the affected customer and Kenora, support HONI's application for the proposed service area amendment.

No assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. No negative impact on rates, reliability or service quality of HONI or Kenora has been identified as a result of the proposed amendment.

The OEB finds that it is in the public interest to grant the proposed service area amendment. Given the manner in which Schedule 1 of HONI's licence is presented, the HONI's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended. Schedule 1 of Kenora's licence ED-2003-0030 requires to be amended to exclude the land described above.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Network Inc.'s application for a service area amendment is granted.

2. Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0030, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to exclude the following:

• Conc 1J and 2J, Lot 4, Parcel 13424, Township of Jaffray Melick, Kenora

The amended licence is attached to this Order.

DATED at Toronto July 13, 2017

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Original signed by

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance