



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

ORDER

EB-2017-0302

VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

October 26, 2017

ORDER

Veridian Connections Inc. (Veridian) filed an application on September 26, 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 vacant land described as Part of Lots 13 & 14, Concession 6, Township of Thorah; Lots 19,20,21,23 to 27, both inclusive and Block B (1st Reserve), Parts of Lots 22, 28, 29; Part of Pollock Avenue; Plan M-1020 Township of Brock, Regional Municipality of Durham, within Brock-Beaverton service area of Veridian. The land consists of one lot designated for 52 residential dwellings. The land is currently located within the licensed service area of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One). The service areas within which Veridian and Hydro One are authorized to provide electricity distribution services are set out in Schedule 1 of their respective licences ED-2002-0503 and ED-2003-0043.

This Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority, pursuant to Section 6 of the OEB Act. The 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 Veridian to serve the customer. Veridian can connect the customer to its adjacent distribution feeder at a cost significantly lower than Hydro One's. The letters filed with the application indicate that both the affected customer and Hydro One support Veridian'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 Veridian or Hydro One has been identified as a result of the proposed amendment.

The OEB finds that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of Veridian's distribution licence to include the land described above. Veridian's licence amendment is reflected on the Brock-Beaverton service area map (page 32 of Appendix B) by adding the reference points ## 17 to 29. Hydro One's distribution licence does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Veridian Connection Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0503, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

- Part of Lots 13 & 14, Concession 6, Township of Thorah. Lots 19,20,21,23 to 27, both inclusive and Block B (1st Reserve). Parts of Lots 22, 28, 29. Part of Pollock Avenue. Plan M-1020 Township of Brock, Regional Municipality of Durham.

The amended licence is attached to this Order.

DATED at Toronto October 26, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance