

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

# ORDER EB-2017-0321

### HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

November 2, 2017

#### ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) filed an application on October 18, 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 PT LT 7 CON 5 DILL; PT LT 8 CON 5 DILL, City of Greater Sudbury, within HONI's service area. The subject land is currently located within the licensed service area of Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. (GSHI).

The service areas within which HONI and GSHI are authorized to provide electricity distribution services are set out in Schedule 1 of their respective licences ED-2003-0043 and ED-2002-0559.

This Order is being issued by 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 purpose of the service area amendment is to enable connection of the solar generation project to HONI's 44 kV feeder as requested by Sudbury Community Solar Projects LP (Generator). The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for HONI to connect the Generator. HONI has an existing 44 kV feeder that goes through the City of Sudbury, while GSHI would require a significant capital investment to establish 44 kV system to enable connection of the Generator. The letters filed with the application indicate that the Generator and GSHI 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 GSHI 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. HONI's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 is presented. Schedule 1 of GSHI's licence ED-2002-0559 needs 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. Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0559, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to exclude the following:
  - PT LT 7 CON 5 DILL; PT LT 8 CON 5 DILL, City of Greater Sudbury, P3E 4N1

The amended licence is attached to this Order.

**DATED** at Toronto November 2, 2017

#### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance