



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2017-0372

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

BLUEWATER POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION

Joint Application for Elimination of Load Transfer Arrangements

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

February 15, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation (Bluewater) have jointly applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to amend their respective licensed service areas such that three remaining 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 (geographic distributor) is physically served by another distributor (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* (OEB 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, Hydro One and Bluewater (collectively, Applicants) filed a joint application with the OEB on April 4, 2017 under sections 74 and 86(1)(b) of the OEB Act. The purpose of the application was to eliminate load transfer arrangements between the two distributors. The OEB assigned file number EB-2017-0158 to that application and, on June 15, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Order approving the proposed service area amendments and sale of assets.

On December 13, 2017, the Applicants filed a second joint application with the OEB and requested further amendments to each of their respective licensed service areas, due to the recent identification of three "General Service <50 kW" rate class customers, that were not included in the EB-2017-0158 application. Bluewater also requested the OEB's approval to sell certain distribution assets to Hydro One for \$6,804.00 plus applicable taxes. These assets are used to serve the customers moving from Bluewater to Hydro One.

FINDINGS

The OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendments and sale of assets proposed by the Applicants in order to eliminate the remaining load transfer arrangements between Bluewater and Hydro One. Bluewater's licence will be amended to reflect the proposed transfer of the three customers. Hydro One's licence is

not required to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

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

Hydro One and Bluewater are reminded that both 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 Customers and the continuous application of Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) rate assistance to the bills of the customers, if applicable.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Schedule 1 of Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation's Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2002-0517 is amended. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.
2. Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation is granted leave to sell distribution system assets as listed in Schedule A (Table 1) to Hydro One Networks Inc.

DATED at Toronto February 15, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance

SCHEDULE A

The assets being transferred between Bluewater and Hydro One are listed below:

Table 1 - List of assets being sold by Bluewater to Hydro One

Asset Type	Price (\$)
Transformer	6,075.00
Overhead Wire	270.00
Current /Potential Transformers	459.00
Total (\$) before applicable taxes	\$6,804.00