



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2018-0008 & EB-2018-0009

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Applications for leave to sell distribution assets to Bell Canada

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

March 8, 2018

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed two separate applications with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 5, 2018, under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell certain distribution system assets to Bell Canada (Bell). The OEB assigned file numbers EB-2018-0008 and EB-2018-0009 to the applications.

The asset that is the subject of the proposed transaction of EB-2018-0008 is one 35-foot pole located on 78 Front St. South in York, Ontario. The parties to the transaction agreed that the asset is being sold for the sale price of \$1,625.00 plus HST.

The asset that is the subject of the proposed transaction of EB-2018-0009 is one 35-foot pole located on 71 Haldimand Trail in Dunnville, Ontario. The parties to the transaction agreed that the asset is being sold for the sale price of \$2,376.00 plus HST.

The OEB combined the applications into one proceeding, pursuant to section 21(5) of the OEB Act.

The applications have been considered without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

FINDINGS

Section 86(1)(b) of the OEB Act provides that leave of the OEB is required before a transmitter or a distributor can “sell, lease or otherwise dispose of that part of its transmission or distribution system that is necessary in serving the public.” The assets that are the subject of the proposed transactions are necessary in serving the public.

Hydro One has explained that the sale is for the purpose of maintaining the ownership balance between Bell and Hydro One as per the Joint Use Agreement. After completion of the proposed transactions, Bell will own the assets and Hydro One will continue as a tenant on these poles.

The assets will continue to be used for supplying electricity to existing Hydro One customers. The applicant stated that the transactions will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service, operational flexibility or economic efficiency of Hydro One. As well, the applicant stated that there will be no impact on Hydro One’s distribution rates as a result of the assets sale.

The OEB finds that the proposed transactions are reasonable and are not anticipated to have any negative effects. It is therefore in the public interest to grant Hydro One leave to sell the assets described above to Bell.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell two 35-foot poles, one located on 78 Front St. South in York and the other located on 71 Haldimand Trail in Dunnville in Ontario, to Bell Canada.

DATED at Toronto March 8, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance