



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2017-0376

E.L.K. ENERGY INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

March 8, 2018

DECISION AND ORDER

E.L.K. Energy Inc. (ELK) filed an application on December 15, 2017 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for a licence amendment to amend Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0015.

The service area amendment would include the land described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Registered Plan 202 (being a subdivision of Part of Lots 7 & 8 Con. 2), Geographic Township of Colchester South, now in the Town of Essex, County of Essex; more specifically Part 1 of Plan 12R-26886, within ELK's service area. The civic address is 1960 Roseborough Road, Harrow, Ontario. The subject land is currently located within the licensed service area of Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI).

The service areas within which ELK and HONI are authorized to provide electricity distribution services are set out in Schedule 1 of their respective licences ED-2003-0015 and ED-2003-0043.

This Decision and Order is being issued by Delegated Authority, pursuant to Section 6 of the OEB Act. The application is considered 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 new residential customer to ELK's distribution system. The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for ELK to serve the proposed residential customer as it represents a practical and lowest cost to connect. ELK submitted that it has an existing distribution infrastructure across the road from the subject land that is readily available and adequate to supply the proposed customer. In addition to the lower connection cost, the customer will experience lower distribution rates if served by ELK.

A letter from the customer filed with the application indicates that the customer prefers ELK as a service provider. A letter from HONI filed with the application indicates that HONI supports ELK's application for the proposed service area amendment. The subject area is vacant land and there are no existing customers of either distributor in the proposed amendment area. No assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. In addition, no negative impact on rates, safety, reliability or

service quality of ELK or HONI 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 ELK's distribution licence to include the lands described above. HONI's licence is not required to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

E.L.K. Energy Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0015, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto March 8, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance