



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2018-0080

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

**Application for leave to sell distribution assets to St. Thomas
Energy Inc.**

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

March 15, 2018

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 17, 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 St. Thomas Energy Inc. (STEI). The assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction are 58 poles located on private properties fronting on Highview Drive in the City of St. Thomas, Ontario.

The application is being considered without 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 this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

The sale transaction will transfer the ownership of the assets to STEI, enabling it to integrate the assets into its distribution system and better service its customers. The parties to the transaction have agreed that the assets are being sold for the sale price of \$ 8,800.00 plus HST.

The applicant explained that Bell Canada is a joint use occupant on the assets and is paying joint use to Hydro One. After the sale of assets, Bell Canada will pay joint use to STEI. Bell Canada’s consent letter was submitted with the application.

The applicant stated that the transaction 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 transaction is reasonable and is 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 STEI.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell 58 off-road poles located on private properties fronting on Highview Drive in the City of St. Thomas, Ontario to St. Thomas Energy Inc.

DATED at Toronto March 15, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance