



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2018-0126 & EB-2018-0132

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

**Applications for leave to sell distribution assets to Bell Canada
and to Conestoga Family Campgrounds**

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

April 26, 2018

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 12, 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 number EB-2018-0126 to the application. The proposed sale transaction is an ownership change for the purpose of maintaining the ownership balance between Bell and Hydro One as per their Joint Use Agreement. The assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction are 17 poles located along Koval St. in Pickle Lake, Ontario. Hydro One and Bell agreed that the assets are being sold for the sale price of \$11,206.00 plus HST.

On March 14, 2018, Hydro One filed another application with the OEB under section 86(1)(b) of the OEB Act, for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell certain distribution system assets to Conestoga Family Campgrounds (Conestoga). The OEB assigned file number EB-2018-0132 to the application. The sale transaction will transfer ownership of the assets to Conestoga, enabling it to complete work on the campground going forward. The assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction are 6 overhead transformers located at 8772 Concession Rd 9 in Moorefield, Ontario. Hydro One and Conestoga agreed that the assets are being sold for the sale price of 5,237.47 plus HST.

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

The applications are 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 these transactions are necessary in serving the public.

Hydro One stated that the transactions will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service, operational flexibility or economic efficiency of Hydro One. As well, Hydro One stated that there will be no impact on its distribution rates as a result of the assets sales and that the assets will continue to be used to supply electricity to same Hydro One customers.

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.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell 17 poles located between Lakeview Cres. to the north and W Airport R. to the south, along Koval St. in Pickle Lake, Ontario to Bell Canada.
2. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell 6 overhead transformers located at 8772 Concession Rd 9 in Moorefield, Ontario to Conestoga Family Campgrounds.

DATED at Toronto April 26, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance