



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2018-0199

FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

September 6, 2018

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INTRODUCTION

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) dated June 11, 2018, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an order amending Festival Hydro's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0513. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Festival Hydro is authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

The application has been considered by the Delegated Authority without a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

THE APPLICATION

The proposed amendment would include land owned by Valleyview Heights (St Jacobs), described as 576 O'Loane Avenue, in the City of Stratford within Festival Hydro's licensed service area. The land described in the application is to be developed into a proposed residential subdivision consisting of 90 detached homes, 52 semi-detached/ townhomes, and 2 multiple residential units. The land is currently located within the licensed service area of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One). Festival Hydro has stated in the application that the subject land is contiguous to Festival Hydro's service area. Festival Hydro also pointed to a similar development that was the subject of a previous Service Area Amendment application by Festival Hydro which was approved by the OEB on December 1, 2009.

Festival Hydro stated in the application that it is more economically and technically efficient for it to connect the development as Festival Hydro represents the lowest cost of connection and its connection proposal is better or comparable to Hydro One's, in terms of system planning, safety, and service reliability. When completed and fully occupied, the proposed development will add approximately 500 kW of load to Festival Hydro's distribution system. Festival Hydro stated that it has sufficient existing capacity to serve the proposed development. Festival Hydro also stated that Hydro One would need to extend a new circuit from Huron Street, approximately 350 m north of the subject area, in order to serve the proposed development.

Festival Hydro submitted that no distribution assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment and further submitted that there would be no negative impact on

rates, reliability or service quality of Festival Hydro or Hydro One as a result of the proposed amendment.

Hydro One confirmed its support of the application in the consent letter filed as part of the application. In addition, the developer, Valleyview Heights (St Jacobs), indicated by a letter filed with the application, that it prefers Festival Hydro to be its electrical service provider.

FINDINGS

After considering the application, the OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment proposed by Festival Hydro. The proposed amendment is consistent with the OEB's policy regarding service area amendments. The OEB also finds that Hydro One's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Festival Hydro Inc.'s electricity distribution licence, ED-2002-0513, is amended to add the following to Schedule 1:

17. Part Lot 6, Concession 1 (Geographic Township of Downie), in the City of Stratford.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto September 6, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance