



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

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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2018-0325**

**HYDRO ONE REMOTE COMMUNITIES INC.**

**Application for a Licence Amendment**

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

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**December 6, 2018**

## DECISION AND ORDER

### INTRODUCTION

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (HORCI) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) dated November 30, 2018, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an order amending HORCI's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2003-0037. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which HORCI is authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

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

### THE APPLICATION

Wataynikaneyap Power LP<sup>1</sup> (WPLP) filed an application on June 15, 2017, with the OEB under section 60 of the OEB Act for an electricity distribution licence. The application pertains to a distribution system in northwestern Ontario between Red Lake and the Pikangikum First Nation Reserve that WPLP is developing and intends to construct, own and operate. Construction, testing and commissioning of the Wataynikaneyap distribution line will be completed on or about December 20, 2018. On September 28, 2017, the OEB granted the electricity distribution licence to WPLP.

WPLP has requested that HORCI take over service to the community of Pikangikum when it is connected to the new distribution line. On November 30, 2018, HORCI filed an application with the OEB under section 74 of the OEB Act to amend its distribution licence ED-2003-0037 to include the community of Pikangikum within its licensed service area.

HORCI stated in its application that rates for service to the customers in Pikangikum were approved in EB-2017-0051<sup>2</sup>. HORCI also requested its distribution performance reporting hold the Community separate from the results for rest of its service territory until full service could be provided to the Community.

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<sup>1</sup> **EB-2017- 0236:** The OEB has issued an order approving Wataynikaneyap Power LP's application for an electricity distribution Licence, effective September 28, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> **EB-2017-0051:** The OEB has issued an order approving HORCI's 2018 revenue requirement and customer rates for the distribution and generation of electricity, effective May 1, 2018.

HORCI requested that its application be considered without holding a hearing pursuant to section 21(4) of the OEB Act, as no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the approval of this application. HORCI indicated that it will inform the OEB as to the actual date of the distribution system connection to the Wataynikaneyap distribution line.

## FINDINGS

The OEB grants the application to amend HORCI's electricity distribution licence to include the community of Pikangikum within its licensed service area. The OEB notes that O. Reg. 199/02 under the Electricity Act, 1998, was amended on November 16, 2018, to include the community of Pikangikum in the list of communities that HORCI is required to provide service. The OEB will issue the amended licence and it will become effective once the OEB receives notification from HORCI that the Community has been connected to the Wataynikaneyap distribution line. The OEB also grants HORCI's request to maintain separate performance reporting for the Community until full service to the Community is implemented.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0037, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, shall be amended to include Pikangikum. The amended licence will be issued effective upon the date Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. notifies the Ontario Energy Board that the community of Pikangikum has been connected to the Wataynikaneyap distribution line.

**DATED** at Toronto December 6, 2018

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original signed by*

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance