



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2018-0309

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

ENERGY+ INC.

Joint Application for Elimination of Load Transfer Arrangements

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

January 24, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and Energy+ Inc. (Energy+) have jointly applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to amend their respective licensed service areas such that two load transfer arrangements between the two distributors are eliminated. A load transfer arrangement is a situation in which a customer located in the licensed service area of one distributor (geographic distributor) is physically served by another distributor (physical distributor).

This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority, without holding a hearing, pursuant to Section 6(4) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act). The application is granted, as set out in this Decision and Order.

THE APPLICATION

Pursuant to the Distribution System Code (DSC) amendments made by the OEB in EB-2015-0006 and in accordance with the OEB's filing guidelines for combined service area amendments and sale of assets, Hydro One and Energy+ (collectively, Applicants) filed a joint application with the OEB on June 20, 2017, under sections 74 and 86(1)(b) of the OEB Act. The purpose of the application was to eliminate load transfer arrangements between the two distributors. The OEB assigned file number EB-2017-0248 to that application and, on August 31, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Order approving the proposed service area amendments and sale of assets.

On November 5, 2018, the Applicants filed a second joint application with the OEB and requested further amendments to the licensed service area of Energy+, due to the recent identification of two residential customers that were not included in the EB-2017-0248 application. Hydro One also requested the OEB's approval to sell certain distribution assets to Energy+ for \$9,026.00 plus applicable taxes. These assets are used to serve the customers being transferred from Hydro One to Energy+.

FINDINGS

The OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendments and sale of assets proposed by the Applicants in order to eliminate the two load transfer arrangements. The distribution licence of Energy+ will be amended to reflect the transfer of the two customers. Hydro One's licence is not required to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

The customers being transferred from Hydro One to Energy+ will see a reduction in their monthly delivery charges.

Hydro One and Energy+ are reminded that both distributors shall ensure that all relevant customer information including, but not limited to, information regarding security deposits and consumption is properly transferred to Energy+ to allow for the continuous billing of the customers and the continuous application of Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) rate assistance to the bills, if applicable.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Schedule 1 of Energy+ Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2002-0574 is amended. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.
2. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell distribution system assets as listed in Schedule A (Table 1) to Energy+ Inc.

DATED at Toronto January 24, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance

SCHEDULE A

The assets being transferred between Hydro One and Energy+ are listed below:

Table 1 - List of assets being sold by Hydro One to Energy+

Asset Type	Price (\$)
Transformer (25 kVA)	4,050.00
Primary Wire	780.00
Secondary Wire	80.00
45' Class 2 Poles	2,958.00
35 foot pole and conductor	1,158
Total (\$) before applicable taxes	\$9,026.00