



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2018-0327

FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

March 21, 2019

DECISION AND ORDER

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed an application on December 3, 2018 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for a service area amendment.

The service area amendment is required in order for Festival Hydro to provide electricity distribution services to a customer, Northwest Stratford (2016) Developments Inc., who will develop a new residential subdivision on vacant land presently included in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) service territory. The subject land is described as Part Lots 3 and 4, Concession 2 Ellice, City of Stratford, County of Perth and municipally known as 4117 Perth Line 36 and 450 McCarthy Road West, Stratford, Ontario. The service areas within which Festival Hydro and Hydro One are authorized to provide electricity distribution services are set out in Schedule 1 of their respective licences ED-2002-0513 and ED-2003-0043.

This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority, pursuant to Section 6 of the OEB Act. The Delegated Authority has considered the application without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for Festival Hydro to serve the proposed subdivision. The new subdivision is a continuation of the residential subdivision which was added to Festival Hydro's service area in 2012 (EB-2012-0204). Festival Hydro can connect the customer to its existing infrastructure that lies along the subject area with minimal investment. Although the incumbent distributor, Hydro One, has existing infrastructure in close proximity to the subject area, Hydro One would need to extend its circuit across private property via an easement. The letters filed with the application indicate that both the affected customer, Northwest Stratford (2016) Developments Inc., and Hydro One support Festival Hydro's application for the proposed service area amendment.

No assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. No negative impact on rates, reliability or service quality of Festival Hydro or Hydro One has been identified as a result of the proposed amendment.

The OEB finds that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of Festival Hydro's distribution licence to include the land described above. Hydro One's distribution

licence does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

The electricity distribution licence of Festival Hydro Inc. (ED-2002-0513), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the lands described as Part Lots 3 and 4, Concession 2 Ellice, City of Stratford, County of Perth and municipally known as 4117 Perth Line 36 and 450 McCarthy Road West, Stratford, Ontario.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto March 21, 2019

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Original signed by

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance