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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2019-0190

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

**Application for leave to sell distribution assets to Silver Birches
Resort**

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

October 24, 2019

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 24, 2019 under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell distribution system assets to Silver Birches Resort (Silver Birches). The assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction are three poles, 120 metres of overhead conductor, 25 kVA transformer and 50 kVA transformer, located at 110 Bay Street, Little Current, Ontario.

Specifically, the assets are described as:

- 1950– 25 kVA overhead transformer;
- 1982 – 50 kVA overhead transformer;
- 1982 – 120 meters of primary and secondary overhead conductor; and
- 1999 – three wood poles.

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

Section 86(1)(b) of the 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 this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

The sale is for the purposes of transferring ownership of assets that are located on land owned by the recipient. The applicant states that the proposed assets will be sold to Silver Birches and will continue to serve the same Hydro One customers. After the proposed transaction, Silver Birches will own the assets instead of the utility, and in addition will install a primary metering unit. Hydro One will continue charging Silver Birches and Silver Birches will be billing its individual services. The applicant states that the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service or operational flexibility for customers and that there are no environmental issues associated with the transaction. The proposed transfer will not impact distribution or transmission rates of the applicant.

The sale of the assets is a cash sale for the price of \$492.08 plus \$63.97 HST for a total of \$556.05. The sale price covers the net book value of the assets.

The OEB finds that the proposed transaction is reasonable and is 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 to Silver Birches.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell three poles, 120 metres of overhead conductor, 25 kVA transformer and 50 kVA transformer located at 110 Bay Street, Little Current, Ontario to Silver Birches Resort.

DATED at Toronto October 24, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance