



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2019-0235

NORTHERN ONTARIO WIRES INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

November 21, 2019

DECISION AND ORDER

Northern Ontario Wires Inc. (NOW) filed an application on September 18, 2019 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for a licence amendment to amend Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0018.

This service area amendment is required to include one specific customer in the Town of Iroquois Falls, located at 8805 Highway 11, as described by Registered Plan 6R2082. The customer is currently included in licensed service territory of Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI). The service areas within which NOW and HONI are authorized to provide electricity distribution services are set out in Schedule 1 of their respective licences ED-2003-0018 and ED-2003-0043.

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

The applicant stated that the subject property has been always serviced by NOW. The property has been connected to NOW's distribution system by one of its predecessor companies prior to the incorporation of the applicant in 1999. It was recently discovered that the subject property has been inadvertently omitted from the service territory description in Schedule 1 of NOW's electricity distribution licence.

A letter from HONI filed with the application indicates that HONI supports NOW'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 NOW or HONI 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 NOW's distribution licence to include the customer described above. The OEB also finds that HONI's licence is not required to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of HONI's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Northern Ontario Wires Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2003-0018, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

The customer in the Town of Iroquois Falls located at 8805 Highway 11, as described by Registered Plan 6R2082.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto November 21, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance