



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

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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2019-0237**

## **ORANGEVILLE HYDRO LIMITED**

**Application for a Service Area Amendment**

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

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**November 21, 2019**

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### INTRODUCTION

Orangeville Hydro Limited (Orangeville Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 19, 2019 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 Orangeville Hydro to provide electricity distribution services to a customer, Thomasfield Homes Limited, who will develop a new residential subdivision, consisting of 98 residential homes, on vacant land presently included in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (HONI) service territory. The subject land is described as Part of Lots 29 and 30 Concession 2 and Part of Block 110 Registered Plan 7M-53, Geographic Township of East Luther, Town of Grand Valley and municipally known as 242318 Concession Road 2-3, Town of Grand Valley, Ontario. The service areas within which Orangeville Hydro and HONI are authorized to provide electricity distribution services are set out in Schedule 1 of their respective licences ED-2002-0500 and ED-2003-0043.

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

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for Orangeville Hydro to serve the proposed subdivision. The new subdivision is a continuation of the residential subdivision which was added to Orangeville Hydro's service area in 2012 (EB-2012-0181) and in 2014 (EB-2014-0334). Orangeville Hydro has infrastructure that lies along the subject area and can provide the required electrical service with minimal investment. Orangeville Hydro will supply the subject area by connecting an underground primary conductor to its existing infrastructure on Mill Street West and Taylor Drive. The incumbent distributor, HONI, has infrastructure in a relatively close proximity (approximately 130m) to the property, however parties have concluded that HONI's connection costs are greater than Orangeville Hydro's.

No assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. No negative impact on rates, reliability or service quality of Orangeville Hydro 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 Orangeville Hydro's distribution licence to include the land described above. HONI's distribution licence does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of HONI's licence is presented.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

The electricity distribution licence of Orangeville Hydro Limited ED-2002-0500, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the lands described as Part of Lots 29 and 30, Concession 2 and Part of Block 110 Registered Plan 7M-53m Geographic Township of East Luther, Town of Grand Valley, Ontario.

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