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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2019-0250

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

December 12, 2019

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 7, 2019 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0043.

HONI has requested the amendment so that it may provide electricity service to a property located at 50 Minto Street North in Clifford, Ontario. The subject property is currently located within the licensed service area of Westario Power Inc. (Westario). The service areas within which HONI and Westario are authorized to provide electricity distribution services are set out in Schedule 1 of their respective licences ED-2003-0043 and ED-2002-0515.

The application has been considered by the Delegated Authority 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 HONI to serve the customer. HONI's existing infrastructure is only 48 meters from the point of connection, whereas Westario requires a 170 meter extension to its distribution system to service the customer. Westario and the affected customer have confirmed their support of the application through the consent letters filed as part of the application.

The evidence states that no assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. Rates of both distributors will be unaffected and there will be no effect on safety, reliability or service quality.

Based on the evidence, the OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment proposed by HONI. Given the manner in which Schedule 1 of HONI's licence is presented, HONI's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended. However, Schedule 1 of Westario's licence ED-2002-0515 does require amendment to exclude the identified property.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Network Inc.'s application for a service area amendment is granted.
2. Westario Power Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0515, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to exclude the property located at:
 - 50 Minto Street North in Clifford, Minto Township.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto December 12, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance