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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2019-0282

FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

January 30, 2020

DECISION AND ORDER

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 19, 2019 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0513.

Festival Hydro requested the amendment so that it may provide electricity service to a new subdivision in the City of Stratford. The subject land, with a legal description Part of Lot 5, Concession 2, City of Stratford, County of Perth, which is vacant, will be developed by Countryside Developments (2014) Ltd. (Developer) into a residential subdivision consisting of 58 single family homes. The subject land is currently located within the licensed service area of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and is adjacent to Festival Hydro's service territory. 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.

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 Festival Hydro to serve the proposed development. The evidence identified that Festival Hydro has existing assets immediately adjacent to and alongside the subject land. Although Hydro One also has existing distribution infrastructure that is relatively close to the subject land, in order to supply the proposed subdivision Hydro One would need to extend its infrastructure and cross private property.

Hydro One and the Developer 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 quality of electricity supply to customers.

Based on the evidence, the OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment proposed by Festival Hydro. Festival Hydro's licence will be amended to include the identified land. Given the manner in which Schedule 1 of

Hydro One's licence is presented, Hydro One's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Festival Hydro Inc.'s electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0513), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to add the following:

Part of Lot 5, Concession 2, City of Stratford, County of Perth. Developed as Countryside Estates – Phase 3.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto January 30, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance