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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2019-0297**

**HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**

**ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION**

**Joint Application for Elimination of Load Transfer Arrangement**

**BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson**

Vice President

Consumer Protection and Industry Performance

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**February 27, 2020**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra) have jointly applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval to amend the service areas of both distributors such that one remaining load transfer arrangement between the two distributors is eliminated. A load transfer arrangement is a situation in which a customer located in the licensed service area of one distributor (the geographic distributor) is physically served by another distributor (the physical distributor).

The application is granted, as set out in this Decision and Order.

## THE PROCESS

This Decision and Order is being issued without a hearing by the Delegated Authority, pursuant to Section 6(4) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act).

## THE APPLICATION

Pursuant to the Distribution System Code (DSC) amendments made by the OEB in EB-2015-0006 and in accordance with the OEB's filing guidelines for combined service area amendments and sale of assets, Alectra and Hydro One (collectively, the Applicants) filed a joint application with the OEB on June 15, 2017 under sections 74 and 86(1)(b) of the Act. The purpose of the application was to eliminate 308 load transfer arrangements between the two distributors. The OEB assigned file number EB-2017-0237 to that application and, on September 21, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Order approving the proposed service area amendments and sale of assets.

On December 10, 2019, the Applicants filed this application due to identification of one additional customer that was not included in the EB-2017-0237 application. The Applicants seek to transfer one residential customer from Hydro One to Alectra. Hydro One also requests the OEB's approval to sell the distribution assets servicing this customer, specifically underground secondary wire, 63 meters in length, to Alectra for \$80 plus applicable taxes. As stated in the application, no assets will be stranded or become redundant and no third parties will be impacted, if the application is approved.

**FINDINGS**

The OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment and sale of assets as proposed by the Applicants in order to eliminate one remaining load transfer arrangement between Hydro One and Alectra. Alectra's licence will be amended to reflect the proposed transfer of the affected customer. Hydro One's licence does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Schedule 1 of Alectra Utilities Corporation's electricity distribution licence ED-2016-0360) is amended to include the following address in the Horizon Utilities Rate Zone:
  - 1 Tupper Dr., City of Thorold.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

2. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell distribution assets listed in Appendix A to Hydro One Networks Inc.

**DATED** at Toronto February 27, 2020

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance

**APPENDIX A****LIST OF ASSETS BEING SOLD BY VERIDIAN TO HYDRO ONE**

<b>Asset Type</b>	<b>Count</b>
Transformer	
Primary Wire (m)	-
Secondary Buss (span)	-
Secondary O/H Wire (m)	
Secondary U/G Wire (m)	63
Current Transformers	-
Sentinel Lights	-
Easements	-
<b>Total (\$) before applicable taxes</b>	<b>\$80</b>