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# **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2020-0112**

## **ENTEGRUS POWERLINES INC.**

**Application for a Service Area Amendment**

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

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**May 21, 2020**

## DECISION AND ORDER

Entegrus Powerlines Inc. (EPI) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 25, 2020 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to EPI's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0563. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which EPI is authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

EPI requested the amendment to include the vacant land owned by Doug Tarry Limited and described as part of Blocks 105, 118, 119, 120, Register Plan 11M-216 in the City of St. Thomas.

The proposed service area amendment is required in order for EPI to provide electricity distribution services to Phase 2B of the Harvest Run subdivision comprising of 84 lots for single-detached residential dwellings, 40 lots for semi-detached residential dwellings and 6 lots for townhouses that are being developed on the identified land. The identified land is currently within the service area of Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) and is adjacent to EPI's service area.

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 indicates that it is more economically efficient for EPI to serve the proposed development. The evidence identified that HONI also has existing distribution assets that abut the subject development, however EPI's fully allocated connection costs to service the new subdivision would be less than the costs of HONI providing the service.

HONI has confirmed its support of the application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. In addition, the developer, Doug Tarry Limited, has indicated that it prefers EPI to be their electrical service provider.

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 EPI. EPI's licence will be amended to include

the identified lands. HONI's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of the licence is presented.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Entegrus Powerlines Inc.'s electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0563), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to add the following:

The St. Thomas Energy Inc. Rate Zone:

Part of Blocks 105, 118, 119, 120, Register Plan 11M-216 in the City of St. Thomas.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

**DATED** at Toronto May 21, 2020

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance