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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2020-0130**

**HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**

**Application for leave to sell distribution assets to Bell Canada**

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

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**June 11, 2020**

## DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 22, 2020 under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell distribution system asset to Bell Canada. The asset that is the subject of the proposed transaction is 1 pole, as described in Attachment 1, located on Church St. in North Gower, Ontario.

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

Section 86(1)(b) of the Act provides that leave of the OEB is required before a transmitter or a distributor can “sell, lease or otherwise dispose of that part of its transmission or distribution system that is necessary in serving the public.” The asset that is the subject of this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

The sale is for the purposes of maintaining the ownership balance between Bell Canada and Hydro One as per the Joint Use Agreement. The Joint Use Agreement stipulates that in case Bell Canada wishes to do any work in Bell Canada’s prime exchange areas, it must hold ownership of the pole. After completion of the proposed transaction, Bell will own the asset and Hydro One will continue as a tenant on these pole. The asset will continue to be used for supplying electrical load to existing Hydro One customers. The applicant stated that the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service, operational flexibility or economic efficiency of Hydro One. As well, the applicant stated that there will be no impact on Hydro One’s distribution rates as a result of the asset sale.

This is a cash sale. The parties to the transaction agreed that the asset is being sold on an “as is, where is” basis for the sale price of \$507.00 plus HST. The sale price represents the value of the asset based on the residual value table in the Joint Use Agreement. The residual value has been modified to deduct the cost of removing the pole.

The OEB finds that the proposed transaction is reasonable and is not anticipated to have any negative effects. It is therefore in the public interest to grant Hydro One leave to sell the asset described above to Bell Canada.

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell 1 pole located in North Gower, Ontario to Bell Canada.

**DATED** at Toronto June 11, 2020

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Attachment 1: Asset List

Attachment 1: Asset Listing

Church St.

<b>Pole Barcode</b>	<b>Pole Height (ft.)</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Residual Value (Per Unit)</b>	<b>Sale Price</b>
BPM7RJ	45	1985	1	\$936.00	\$507.00