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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2020-0115

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for Elimination of Load Transfer Arrangement

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

July 2, 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval to transfer one customer from Hydro One to Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. (Sudbury Hydro). Hydro One has also applied for an order of the OEB granting Hydro One leave to sell distribution assets that are used to serve the customer to Sudbury Hydro.

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, Sudbury Hydro and Hydro One filed a joint application with the OEB on March 22, 2017 under sections 74 and 86(1)(b) of the OEB Act. The purpose of that application was to eliminate 24 long term load transfer (LTLT)¹ arrangements between the two distributors. On June 15, 2017, the OEB issued its EB-2017-0142 Decision and Order approving the proposed service area amendments and sale of assets.

On March 31, 2020², Hydro One filed the current application after it identified one customer that was not included in the EB-2017-0142 application. The customer in question is located on a parcel of land³ that was added to schedule 1 of Sudbury Hydro's electricity distribution licence as a result of the OEB's EB-2017-0142 Decision and Order.

As a result of the customer not having been transferred in EB-2017-0142, the customer continued to be billed by Hydro One. Given it was an oversight of Hydro One and that the customer paid a higher rate, Hydro One has stated that it will provide a credit to the customer. The credit will be based on the difference in charges estimated from the date

¹ LTLT 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).

² The application was revised and refiled on June 15, 2020

³ There are two more GS customers and one "Sentinel Light" located on that parcel of land, which were transferred to Sudbury Hydro in EB-2017-0142, while the customer in question was inadvertently missed.

when the other customers on the property were transferred to Sudbury Hydro pursuant to the earlier decision, until the date when the customer is transferred to Sudbury Hydro.

Hydro One has also requested the OEB's approval to sell the distribution assets servicing this customer, specifically three transformers, to Sudbury Hydro for \$6,993 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 customer transfer request and sale of assets as proposed by Hydro One. No changes to licences are required as the property in question has previously been included in the licensed Service Area of Sudbury Hydro, under electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0559.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. to transfer one General Service customer to Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.
2. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell distribution assets listed in Appendix A to Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.

DATED at Toronto July 2, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance

APPENDIX A**LIST OF ASSETS BEING SOLD BY HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.
TO GREATER SUDBURY HYDRO INC.**

Asset Type	Count
Transformer	3
Primary Wire (m)	-
Secondary Buss (span)	-
Secondary O/H Wire (m)	-
Secondary U/G Wire (m)	-
Current Transformers	-
Sentinel Lights	-
Easements	-
Total (\$) before applicable taxes	\$6,993