



EB-2008-0094

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application pursuant to
section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* by Ottawa
River Power Corporation to amend its Electricity Distribution
Licence ED-2003-0033.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

Ottawa River Power Corporation ("Ottawa River") filed an application on April 24, 2008, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend Ottawa River's licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0033. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2008-0094.

This service area amendment is required in order for Ottawa River to supply electricity to a planned residential subdivision development in the Town of Mississippi Mills, which is currently located within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") licensed service area. The subject land is described as:

West Half Lot 14
Concession 10
Geographic Township of Ramsay
Now Town of Mississippi Mills

The service area amendment is granted.

REASONS

The evidence filed with the application indicates that it is more economically efficient for Ottawa River to serve the proposed subdivision. The land that is the subject of the service area amendment is contiguous with the licensed service area of Ottawa River and lies along the Ottawa River distribution system. Ottawa River currently supplies the customers in the former Town of Almonte to the northwest of the proposed subdivision development. Ottawa River states that it has an existing infrastructure adequate to supply the proposed subdivision.

Ottawa River filed letters from both Hydro One and the developer supporting the proposed service area amendment.

The application indicates that there are no assets in the subject area adequate to connect the subdivision development, and there are no assets that will be stranded or become redundant if the proposed service area amendment is granted.

There are no existing customers in the proposed amendment area, and the proposed amendment will result in lower rates for the customers to be served in the area. Rates of both distributors will be unaffected by the amendment and there will be no effect on reliability and service quality.

I find that it is in the public interest to amend Ottawa River's electricity distribution licence as proposed by Ottawa River.

The applicant requested that the Board decide the application without a hearing. I have done so. All affected parties consented to the application as filed. The evidence filed with the Board demonstrated that the amendment will not produce any adverse effects on the existing customers of the distributors, nor on potential customers who may locate in the subdivision.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Ottawa River Power Corporation's Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0033) be amended to include the following in Schedule 1 of its licence:

West Half Lot 14
Concession 10
Geographic Township of Ramsay
Now Town of Mississippi Mills

The amended licence is attached to this order, with an effective date of May 27, 2008.

Under section 7(1) of the Act, this decision may be appealed to the Board within 15 days.

DATED at Toronto, May 27, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Jennifer Lea
Counsel, Special Projects