

# DECISION AND ORDER EB-2020-0260

## HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

**Application for a Service Area Amendment** 

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 30, 2020 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act,* 1998 (OEB Act) for an amendment to Hydro One's service area as described in Schedule 1 (Appendix B – Tab 4) of its distribution licence ED-2003-0043, and for an amendment to Elexicon Energy Inc.'s (Elexicon) service area as described in Schedule 1 of Elexicon's electricity distribution licence ED-2019-0128. Schedule 1 of each licence sets out the service area within which Hydro One and Elexicon are authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

Hydro One requested the amendment to include the vacant land owned by 2549099 Ontario Inc., operated as Jeffery Homes, and described as Lots 103 to 108, and part of lots 92, 178 and 179, in Scugog Township.

The proposed service area amendment is required in order for Hydro One to provide electricity distribution services to the Port Perry Residences subdivision comprising of 37 residential townhouse units. The identified land is currently within the service area of Elexicon and is adjacent to Hydro One'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 Hydro One to serve the proposed development. The evidence identified that Elexicon also has existing distribution assets that abut the subject development, however Hydro One's fully allocated connection costs to service the new subdivision would be less than the costs of Elexicon providing the service.

Elexicon has confirmed its support of the application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. In addition, the developer, Jeffery Homes, has indicated that it prefers Hydro One 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 Hydro One. To reflect this amendment, Elexicon's distribution licence ED-2019-0128 will be amended to remove the identified land from Schedule 1 of Elexicon's licence.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc.'s electricity distribution licence (ED-2003-0043), specifically Appendix B, Tab 4 of the licence, is amended as follows:

Name of Municipality: Township of Scugog

Formerly Known As: Township of Scugog, Township of Cartwright,

Township of Reach, Village of Port Perry, as at

December 31, 1973.

Area Not Served By Networks: The area served by Elexicon Energy Inc., as more

particularly set out in Licence No. ED-2019-0128.

2. Elexicon Energy Inc.'s electricity distribution licence (ED-2019-0128), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to remove the following:

Scugog Service Area:

Lots 103 to 108, and part of lots 92, 178 and 179, in Scugog Township.

The amended licences are attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto January 14, 2021

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson

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