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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2020-0267

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

February 4, 2021

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 11, 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 EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.'s (EPCOR) service area as described in Schedule 1 of EPCOR's electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0518. Schedule 1 of each licence sets out the service area within which Hydro One and EPCOR are authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

Hydro One requested the amendment so that it may provide electricity distribution service to a property located at 171 Russel Street E., Town of Blue Mountains, Ontario. The subject property is currently located within the licensed service area of EPCOR.

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 customer. Hydro One has an existing distribution line directly across the street from the customer to which the customer can be easily connected, whereas EPCOR requires a lengthy expansion to its distribution system to service the customer. EPCOR and the affected customer have confirmed their support of the application through the consent letters filed as part of the application.

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, EPCOR's distribution licence ED-2002-0518 will be amended to remove the identified property from Schedule 1 of EPCOR'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: **Town of Blue Mountains**

Formerly Known As: Town of Thornbury, Township of Collingwood, as at December 31, 1997.

Area Not Served by Networks: The area served by EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc., as more particularly set out in Licence No. ED-2002-0518.

2. EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.'s electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0518), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to remove the following:

171 Russell Street East, Town of Blue Mountains (formerly Town of Thornbury).

The amended licences are attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto February 4, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance