

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

## EB-2020-0301

## **ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION**

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

February 25, 2021

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 14, 2020 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Alectra Utilities' service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2016-0360.

The application has been considered by the Delegated Authority without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

Alectra Utilities requested the amendment to include the property owned by a residential customer and described as LT 8, CON 8 ADJALA, PT LT 7, CON 8 ADJALA, PART 1, 51R2502; ADJALA/TOSORONTIO, with the civic address: 1854 Adjala Tecumseth Townline, Adjala.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that Alectra Utilities may provide electricity distribution services to the new residential customer. The identified land is currently within the service area of Hydro One and is adjacent to Alectra Utilities' service area, more specifically the subject property is in-between properties that Alectra Utilities already services.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that it is more economically efficient for Alectra Utilities to serve the customer. The evidence identified that Alectra Utilities' 8.32 kV distribution line runs along the Adjala Tecumseth Townline directly in front of the subject property. There is ample capacity across Alectra Utilities' existing distribution assets to serve the single-phase 400A residential home proposed for the subject property. Hydro One identified that it would require to extend their 27.6 kV feeder by 600 metres, or the customer would have to extend a private primary line by 70 metres to access the new connection. Other than this connection, there are no other requirements for Hydro One to extend their distribution line into this general area.

Hydro One has confirmed its support of the application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. In addition, the customer prefers Alectra Utilities to be their electricity distributor.

The evidence states that no assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. The evidence also shows that the 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 Alectra Utilities. Hydro One's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Alectra Utilities Corporation's electricity distribution licence (ED-2016-0360), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

The PowerStream Rate Zone: Customer on LT 8, CON 8 ADJALA, PT LT 7, CON 8 ADJALA, PART 1, 51R2502; ADJALA/TOSORONTIO, with the civic address: 1854 Adjala Tecumseth Townline, Adjala.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto February 25, 2021

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance