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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2021-0126

ENWIN UTILITIES LTD.

Application for Electricity Distribution Licence Amendment

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President,

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

March 31, 2021

INTRODUCTION

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is amending ENWIN Utilities Ltd.'s (ENWIN) electricity distribution licence, ED-2002-0527, to exempt it from compliance with section 5.1.3 (b) of the Distribution System Code (DSC) until April 30, 2021.

This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority, without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

BACKGROUND

Section 5.1.3 (b) of the DSC came into force on May 21, 2014. It required distributors to install a Metering Inside Settlement Time (MIST) meter on any existing customer facilities where the customer had a monthly average peak demand during a calendar year of over 50 kW (GS>50 kW customers) by no later than August 21, 2020.

On July 23, 2020, the OEB issued a Decision and Order (EB-2020-0187) amending the licences of all electricity distributors to exempt them from having to comply with section 5.1.3 (b) of the DSC until March 31, 2021. In that decision, the OEB acknowledged that the operational challenges related to the COVID-19 emergency could reasonably lead to an unavoidable delay in meeting the August 21, 2020 deadline by many distributors. The OEB also stated that, if any distributor required an extension beyond March 31, 2021, it would need to make a separate application.

APPLICATION

On March 26, 2021, ENWIN filed an application with the OEB for an extension of the temporary exemption from section 5.1.3 (b) of the DSC from March 31, 2021 to April 30, 2021.

ENWIN has stated that it will not be able to comply with section 5.1.3 (b) of the DSC by the March 31, 2021 deadline. ENWIN states that despite the ongoing challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic it has completed the required MIST meters installations with the exception of one active GS>50 account where the customer has to complete repairs before ENWIN can safely replace the meter. ENWIN has recently been made aware that

the customer would not be able to complete the required repairs by March 31, 2021. Therefore, ENWIN is requesting a one-month extension to the temporary exemption from section 5.1.3 (b) of the DSC to allow additional time for it to replace the meter once the customer completes the required repairs.

FINDINGS

The OEB finds that ENWIN has reasonably justified its request for an exemption to section 5.1.3 (d) of the DSC due to circumstances outside ENWIN's control. The OEB therefore grants the application and approves an amendment to ENWIN's licence which will exempt the utility from compliance with section 5.1.3 (b) of the DSC until April 30, 2021.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. ENWIN Utilities Ltd.'s Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2002-0527, specifically Schedule 3 "List of Code Exemptions", is amended to include an exemption from section 5.1.3 (b) of the Distribution System Code. This exemption expires on April 30, 2021.

DATED at Toronto, March 31, 2021

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Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance