

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2021-0232

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

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Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 18, 2021 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 Hydro Ottawa Limited's (Hydro Ottawa) service area as described in Schedule 1 of Hydro Ottawa's electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0556. Schedule 1 of each licence sets out the service area within which Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa are authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

Hydro One requested the amendment to include the land legally described as Part Lot 30, Concession 4 from Rideau River in Gloucester Township (PIN: 043270252), with the civic address 5545 Albion Rd. S. in Gloucester Township.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that Hydro One may provide electricity distribution services to one industrial customer, W.O. Stinson & Son Ltd. The identified land is currently within the service area of Hydro Ottawa 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 customer. The evidence identified that Hydro Ottawa does not have any existing infrastructure at the service location and would need to extend their 3-phase line by 1.3 km in order to connect the customer, while Hydro One has an existing 3-phase distribution line with sufficient capacity that lies along this customer's property. If connected to Hydro One, no capital contribution would be required from the customer

Hydro Ottawa has confirmed its support of the application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. In addition, the customer, W.O. Stinson & Son Ltd., 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, Hydro Ottawa's distribution licence ED-2002-0556 will be amended to remove the identified land from Schedule 1 of Hydro Ottawa'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: City of Ottawa

Formerly Known As: Region of Ottawa-Carleton, City of Gloucester, City

of Kanata, City of Nepean, City of Ottawa, City of Vanier, Township of Cumberland, Township of Goulbourn, Township of Osgoode, Township of Rideau, Township of West Carleton, Village of Rockcliffe Park, as at December 31, 2000.

Area Not Served By Network

The area served by Hydro Ottawa Limited described as the parts of the former City of Gloucester, the former City of Kanata, the former City of Nepean, the former City of Ottawa, the former City of Vanier, the former Township of Goulbourn, the former Village of Rockcliffe Park, and the portion of the former Township of Rideau on Long Island, North of Bridge Street, as more particularly set out in Licence No. EB-2002-0556.

2. Hydro Ottawa Limited's electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0556), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to remove the property at 5545 Albion Road (PIN 043270252).

The amended licences are attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto November 10, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance