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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2021-0234

ENTEGRUS POWERLINES INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

November 10, 2021

DECISION AND ORDER

Entegrus Powerlines Inc. (Entegrus) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 25, 2021 under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Entegrus' service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0563. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Entegrus is authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

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

Entegrus requested the amendment to include the vacant land described as part of Blocks 105, 120, 121, Registered Plan 11M-216 in the City of St. Thomas.

The proposed service area amendment is required in order for Entegrus to provide electricity distribution services to Phase 3 of the Harvest Run subdivision comprising of 143 lots for single-detached residential dwellings, 56 lots for semi-detached residential dwellings and 32 lots for townhouses that are being developed on the identified land. The identified land is currently within the service area of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and is adjacent to Entegrus' service area.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that it is more economically efficient for Entegrus to serve the proposed development. The evidence identified that Hydro One also has existing distribution assets that abut the subject development, however Entegrus' fully allocated connection costs to service the new subdivision would be less than the costs of Hydro One to connect the customer.

Hydro One has confirmed its support of the application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. In addition, the developer, Doug Tarry Limited, has indicated that it prefers Entegrus 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 Entegrus. Entegrus' licence will be amended to include the identified lands. Hydro One's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not

need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of the licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Entegrus Powerlines Inc.'s electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0563), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to add the following:

The St. Thomas Energy Inc. Rate Zone:

Part of Blocks 105, 120, 121, Registered Plan 11M-216 in the City of St. Thomas.

The amended licence is 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