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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2021-0229**

## **MARKHAM DISTRICT ENERGY INC.**

**Application for an Electricity Generation Licence**

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

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**November 18, 2021**

## DECISION AND ORDER

Markham District Energy Inc. (Markham District Energy) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 6, 2021 under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an electricity generation licence renewal.

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

Markham District Energy is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Markham Enterprises Corporation (MEC) and its parent is the City of Markham. The applicant was incorporated on January 1, 2000 under the laws of the Province of Ontario to provide hot and chilled water to commercial and residential customers in Markham and to sell electricity to the local licensed electricity distribution company.

The applicant has been previously licensed by the OEB and applied to renew its electricity generation licence, which expired on August 14, 2021. An Interim Decision and Order extending the licence term to February 1, 2022, was issued on August 18, 2021. The applicant is currently licensed to own and operate three electricity generation facilities in Ontario, namely:

1. 10.5 MW Warden Energy Centre located in Markham;
2. 3 MW Birchmount Energy Centre located in Markham; and
3. 9 MW Bur Oak Energy Centre located in Markham.

After considering the application and assessing the technical capability and financial viability of the applicant, the OEB finds that it is in the public interest to grant the application and issue the electricity generation licence to Markham District Energy Inc. The OEB notes the application was filed by the applicant only 8 days prior to the expiration of the existing licence and takes this opportunity to remind the applicant and all existing licencees that they must ensure their renewal application is filed in time to permit the OEB to undertake its review and issue a licence prior to the expiry of an existing licence.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The application is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

**DATED** at Toronto November 18, 2021

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance