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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2021-0249

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

December 2, 2021

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 22, 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 of its distribution licence ED-2003-0043, and for an amendment to Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.'s (Hydro Embrun) service area as described in Schedule 1 of Hydro Embrun's electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0493. Schedule 1 of each licence sets out the service area within which Hydro One and Hydro Embrun are authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

Hydro One requested the amendment to include the land legally described as Part of Lot 9, Concession 8, Russell, ON.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that Hydro One may provide electricity distribution services to 1437137 Ontario Inc., a developer of Rochon Lemieux residential subdivision located within the Township of Russell, partly in Hydro Embrun service territory, and partly in Hydro One's service territory.

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 entire subdivision. The evidence identified that Hydro Embrun does not have any existing infrastructure at the service location and would require an expensive line extension through a creek to access part of the development located in its service territory, while Hydro One has an existing infrastructure with sufficient capacity that allows Hydro One to connect the subdivision without expansion.

Hydro Embrun has confirmed its support of the application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. In addition, the customer, 1437137 Ontario Inc., 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. Given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented, its distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended. To reflect this Decision and Order, Schedule 1 of

Hydro Embrun's electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0493 will require an amendment to exclude the land described above.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Network Inc.'s application for a service area amendment is granted.
2. Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0493, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to exclude the following:
 - Part of Lot 9, Concession 8, Russell, ON.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto December 2, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance