

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

## EB-2021-0315

# HALTON HILLS HYDRO INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

December 6, 2021

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. (Halton Hills Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 26, 2021, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Halton Hills Hydro's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0552, and for an amendment to Alectra Utilities Corporation's (Alectra) service area as described in Schedule 1 of Alectra's electricity distribution licence ED-2016-0360. Schedule 1 of each respective licence sets out the service area within which Halton Hills Hydro and Alectra are authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

Halton Hills Hydro requested the amendment to include the land described as civic address 10884 Winston Churchill Blvd., Brampton, Ontario.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that Halton Hills Hydro may provide electricity distribution services to an antenna tower, owned by Signum Wireless (customer), located on a parcel of land owned and used by Canadian National Railway (CNR) for storage.

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 Halton Hills Hydro to serve the customer. Halton Hills Hydro has an existing 4800V distribution line located on the west side of Winston Churchill Blvd. which needs to be extended by 17 meters to connect the customer. Alectra does not have any existing infrastructure at the service location and would require an a much more costly 237 meter line extension which would include an overhead or underground crossing of a CNR line. Alectra and the affected customer have confirmed their support of the application through consent letters filed with the application.

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 Halton Hills Hydro and amend Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0552 to include the land described above. To reflect this Decision and Order, Schedule 1 of Alectra's electricity distribution licence ED-2016-0360 will require an amendment to exclude the subject land.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Halton Hills Hydro Inc.'s ED-2002-0552, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence is amended to include 10884 Winston Churchill Blvd., Brampton, Ontario.
- Alectra Utilities Corporation's electricity distribution licence ED-2016-00360, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to exclude 10884 Winston Churchill Blvd., Brampton, Ontario from Brampton Rate Zone.

The amended licences are attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto December 6, 2021

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signe By

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance