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# **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2021-0265**

**HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**

**Application for leave to sell distribution asset to  
ERTH Power Corporation**

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

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**December 9, 2021**

## DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 4, 2021 under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell a distribution system asset to EARTH Power Corporation (ERTH Power), a licensed electricity distributor. The asset that is the subject of the proposed transaction is a pole mounted Primary Metering Unit (PMU).

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

Section 86(1)(b) of the Act provides that leave of the OEB is required before a transmitter or a distributor can “sell, lease or otherwise dispose of that part of its transmission or distribution system that is necessary in serving the public.” The asset that is the subject of this transaction is necessary in serving the public.

The asset being sold is a PMU installed on the 8.32 kV Belmont Distribution Station F1 feeder on pole #CCA3R located in Willsie Bourne, Central Elgin, Ontario, approximately 2.2 km downstream of Belmont Distribution Station. The PMU readings are used by EARTH Power to bill Hydro One for its usage downstream of the PMU. EARTH Power has stated that ownership of the PMU will allow for greater efficiency in terms of maintaining and repairing the equipment without disrupting EARTH Power’s billing of Hydro One. Once sold, the PMU will continue to serve the same function. Hydro One states that the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service or operations of the applicant or EARTH Power. The proposed sale will have no impact on distribution rates of the applicant.

This is a cash sale. Given that the asset is at the end of its useful life, Hydro One proposes to sell it for a nominal value of \$1 plus HST. A letter agreeing to the sale was provided and signed by both parties.

The OEB finds that the proposed transaction is reasonable as it is expected to improve efficiency in operations in supplying electricity to consumers. It is therefore in the public interest to grant Hydro One leave to sell the asset described above to EARTH Power.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell a Primary Metering Unit installed on the 8.32 kV Belmont DS F1 feeder on pole #CCA3R located in Willsie Bourne, Central Elgin, Ontario, approximately 2.2 km downstream of Belmont Distribution Station.

**DATED** at Toronto December 9, 2021

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance