

DECISION AND ORDER EB-2021-0296

ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION

Application for a Service Area Amendment

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

DECISION AND ORDER

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 4, 2021, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Alectra's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2016-0360. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Alectra is authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

Alectra requested the amendment to include the land described as:

Civic Address: Legal Description:

691 Simcoe Road, PT LT 15 CON 5 West Gwillimbury as in RO123660; Bradford, ON Bradford-WGW, being all of PIN 58011-0420 (LT)

The proposed service area amendment will allow Alectra to provide electricity distribution services to one institutional customer, Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, currently located in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) service area.

The proposed new development will be the site of a new St. Charles Catholic School that will replace an existing elementary school (at the same address), moving from the west end of the property to the east end. Currently, Hydro One supplies power to the existing school on the west side of the property. The evidence filed with the application indicates that based on the location of the new school, the customer would require a costly extension of its infrastructure within the property if Hydro One remains its electricity distribution services provider.

Alectra's evidence states that it has existing infrastructure within a registered easement along the east side of the property. Alectra further stated that it does not require a system expansion to service the customer, and the customer does not require any additional expansion within its property if Alectra provides the service. Therefore, both distributors agreed that it is less costly and more beneficial to the customer to be connected to Alectra's distribution system. Hydro One has confirmed its support of the application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. Alectra provided the request from Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board to

connect to Alectra's distribution system as evidence of the customer's preference to proceed with Alectra as its electricity distribution services provider.

The evidence states that no assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. The evidence also shows that the 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 Alectra. Hydro One's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Alectra Utilities Corporation's electricity distribution licence ED-2016-0360, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence is amended to include the following:

The PowerStream Rate Zone:

Customer on PT LT 15 CON 5 West Gwillimbury as in RO123660; Bradford-WGW, being all of PIN 58011-0420 (LT), with the civic address: 691 Simcoe Rd. Bradford.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto January 27, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance