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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0144

ENTEGRUS POWERLINES INC

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

May 26, 2022

DECISION AND ORDER

Entegrus Powerlines Inc. (Entegrus) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 14, 2022, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Entegrus' service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0563. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Entegrus is authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

The application has been considered by the Delegated Authority without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act

Entegrus requested the amendment to include the subject area described as:

- Orchard Park Meadows, consisting of Part of Lot 10, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Yarmouth in the City of St. Thomas, County of Elgin, consisting of Lots 1 – 91, excluding Blocks 92, 93, and 94.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order for Entegrus to provide electricity distribution services to part of the Orchard Park Meadows Subdivision comprising of 191 services (57 single-detached, 30 semi-detached and 104 townhouse residential dwellings). An earlier developed phase of the same subdivision is within Entegrus service area.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that the subject area is currently located in the service territory of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One). It was determined by both distributors that it is more economically efficient to connect the customer to Entegrus distribution system as it represents the lowest cost of connection and avoids duplication of distribution assets in the area. Hydro One has confirmed its support of the application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. The developer of Orchard Park Meadows has stated it requests Entegrus provide distribution service to the subdivision.

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 Entegrus. 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. Entegrus Powerlines Inc electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0563, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence is amended to include the following:

The St. Thomas Energy Inc. Rate Zone

- Orchard Park Meadows, consisting of Part of Lot 10, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Yarmouth in the City of St. Thomas, County of Elgin, consisting of Lots 1 – 91, excluding Blocks 92, 93, and 94.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto May 26, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance