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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0139

FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

June 16, 2022

DECISION AND ORDER

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 4, 2022, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Festival Hydro's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0513. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Festival Hydro 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.

Festival Hydro requested the amendment to include the land described as Part of Lot 5, Concession 2, City of Stratford, County of Perth being developed as Countryside Estates – Phase 4.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that Festival Hydro may provide electricity distribution services to Countryside Developments (2014) Ltd., a developer of the Countryside Estates residential subdivision located within the City of Stratford. The subject area is described as Countryside Estates - Phase 4 and consists of 41 residential lots. The requested Service Area amendment is the next phase of the Countryside Estates residential development in the northwest end of Stratford that is already served by Festival Hydro. The subject area is currently located in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) service area but is contiguous to the licensed service area of Festival Hydro.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that it is more economically efficient for Festival Hydro to serve the development given that Festival Hydro has existing assets immediately adjacent to and alongside the subject land. Although Hydro One also has existing distribution infrastructure that is relatively close to the subject land, in order to supply the proposed subdivision Hydro One would need to cross a county road and replace poles.

Hydro One and the customer, Countryside Developments (2014) Ltd., have confirmed their support of the application through consent letters filed as part of the application. 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 Festival Hydro. 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. Festival Hydro Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0513, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence is amended to include the following:

Part of Lot 5, Concession 2, City of Stratford, County of Perth. Developed as Countryside Estates – Phase 4.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto June 16, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance