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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0162

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

**Application for leave to sell distribution assets to
Bell Canada**

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

July 7, 2022

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 10, 2022, under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell distribution system assets to Bell Canada. The assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction are nine poles, as described in Attachment 1, located on Texas Road, between Thomas Road and Concession Road 5N in Amherstburg, Ontario.

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 assets that are the subject of this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

The sale is for the purpose of maintaining the ownership balance between Bell Canada and Hydro One as per the Joint Use Agreement. The Joint Use Agreement stipulates that in case Bell Canada wishes to do any work in Bell Canada’s prime exchange areas, it must hold ownership of the poles. After completion of the proposed transaction, Bell Canada will own the assets and Hydro One will continue as a tenant on these poles. The assets will continue to be used for supplying electrical load to existing Hydro One customers. The applicant stated that the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service, operational flexibility or economic efficiency of Hydro One. The applicant also stated that there will be no impact on Hydro One’s distribution rates as a result of the assets sale.

This is a cash sale. The parties to the transaction agreed that the assets are being sold on an “as is, where is” basis for the sale price of \$4,362.93 inclusive of HST. The sale price represents the value of the assets based on the residual value tables in the Joint Use Agreement. The residual value has been modified to deduct the cost of removing the poles.

The OEB finds that the proposed transaction is reasonable and is not anticipated to have any negative effects. It is therefore in the public interest to grant Hydro One leave to sell the assets described above to Bell Canada.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell the nine poles described in Attachment 1 and that are all located in Amherstburg, Ontario, to Bell Canada.

DATED at Toronto July 7, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Attachment 1: Assets List

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Location	Barcode	Vintage Year	Height	Sale Price
WL1	BSNZQX	1958	30'	\$429.00
WL2	BSNZGZ	1968	30'	\$429.00
WL 3	BSNZEP	1967	30'	\$429.00
WL4	BSNZCF	1970	35'	\$429.00
WL5	BSNZ9H	1967	35'	\$429.00
WL6	BSNZ7X	1976	35'	\$429.00
WL7	BSNZ5N	1976	35'	\$429.00
WL8	BF94BT	1978	35'	\$429.00
WL11	B6GZXF	1963	35'	\$429.00
			Total:	\$3,861.00