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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0163

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 33 poles, as described in Attachment 1, located along Barker St., Downes Ave., King St., Washburn St., Agnes St. and Amelia St. in Prince Edward County, 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 \$30,932.62 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 33 poles described in Attachment 1 and that are all located in Prince Edward County, 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	Setting Type	Sale Price
BARKER STREET	C2SFSH	2008	50'3	Earth+	\$2,173.00
	B24DJQ	1993	45'4	Earth+	\$1,131.00
	B24DHG	1993	45'4	Earth+	\$1,131.00
	B24DGB	1972	40'4	Earth+	\$46.00
	B24C5L	1972	40'4	Earth+	\$46.00
DOWNES AVENUE	CZW45B	2011	45'3	Earth+	\$ 2,057.00
	B24GAJ	1978	40'4	Earth+	\$319.00
	B24GBP	1978	40'5	Earth+	\$319.00
	B24GDY	1978	40'4	Earth+	\$319.00
	C6AWVS	2008	40'3	Earth+	\$ 1,689.00
	B24GFJ	1978	40'4	Earth+	\$319.00
	B24GGN	1978	40'4	Earth+	\$319.00
	B24GHS	1978	40'4	Earth+	\$319.00
	B24GJC	1978	40'4	Earth+	\$319.00
KING STREET	B24GLM	1978	40'4	Earth+	\$319.00
	B24GMR	1998	45'4	Earth+	\$1,388.00
	B24F5X	1998	40'5	Earth+	\$1,232.00
	B24F4S	1998	40'5	Earth+	\$1,232.00
	B24F3N	1998	40'5	Earth+	\$1,232.00
WASHBURN STREET	B24D7Z	1984	40'4	Earth+	\$639.00
	B24D8E	1984	45'4	Earth+	\$720.00
	B24D9J	1987	40'4	Earth+	\$1,484.00
	B24CSF	2006	45'3	Earth+	\$1,800.00
	B24CUP	1960	45'5	Earth+	\$0.00
	B2RCVU	1987	40'4	Earth+	\$730.00
	B24CPQ	1964	35'5	Earth+	\$0.00
	B24CKR	1988	45'5	Earth+	\$874.00
	C2NKEU	2008	40'4	Earth+	\$1,689.00
	C2NKGE	2008	40'4	Earth+	\$ 1,689.00
	B24A9X	1969	35'5	Earth+	\$0.00
	B24ADA	1998	40'4	Earth+	\$1,232.00
	B2AAEF	1978	40'5	Earth+	\$319.00
	B24AFK	1978	35'5	Earth+	\$289.00
				TOTAL	\$27,374.00