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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0224

OTTAWA RIVER POWER CORPORATION

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

September 22, 2022

DECISION AND ORDER

Ottawa River Power Corporation (ORPC) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 3, 2022, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to ORPC's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2003-0033. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which ORPC 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.

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

- East Half Lot 14, Concession 10, Almonte Ward, Municipality of Mississippi Mills, County of Lanark.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that ORPC may provide electricity distribution services to Houchaimi Holdings Inc., a developer of Mill Valley Living, a residential subdivision located within Almonte Ward, County of Lanark. The residential development is an expansion of a development, Orchard View, that is already being served by ORPC. The subject area is described as Mill Valley Living and will consist of 92 (48-unit apartment building and 44 single-story townhouses) residential lots.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that it is more economically efficient for ORPC to serve the proposed residential development. The areas adjacent (north and west) to the subject area are currently within the service area of ORPC and are being serviced by ORPC's existing infrastructure. ORPC's existing overhead line is located in the southwest corner of the proposed service area and can be extended to serve the subject area. The incumbent distributor (HONI) has infrastructure in relatively close proximity to the subject area, however, the distributors concluded that HONI's connection costs are approximately double the amount of ORPC's. HONI and the customer 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 ORPC. HONI's distribution licence ED-2003-

0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of HONI's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Ottawa River Power Corporation's electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0033, is amended to include the following in Schedule 1:
 - East Half Lot 14, Concession 10, Almonte Ward, Municipality of Mississippi Mills, County of Lanark.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto September 22, 2022

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Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance