

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0279

COOPERATIVE HYDRO EMBRUN INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

DECISION AND ORDER

Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. (CHEI) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 27, 2022, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act,* 1998 (OEB Act) for an amendment to CHEI's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0493. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which CHEI 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.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that CHEI may provide electricity distribution services to John Corvinelli Investments Ltd., a residential subdivision developer located within the Township of Russell in Embrun, Ontario and within the former Police Village of Embrun, under CHEI's service area. The residential development is a new residential subdivision development that is located in the licensed service territories of both CHEI and Hydro One and will consist of 113 (14 townhouse blocks (57 units), 2 apartment buildings of 12 (24 units), and 2 apartment buildings of 16 (32 units) residential lots.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that it is more economically efficient for CHEI to serve the proposed residential development. The part of the development that falls within the former Police Village boundaries is currently serviced by CHEI's existing infrastructure. The incumbent distributor Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) has infrastructure near the subject area, however, the distributors agreed that HONI's connection costs are approximately double the amount of CHEI'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 CHEI. 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. Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0493, is amended to include the following in Schedule 1:

PIN 69067-0339:

Part Lot 9 Concession 7 Russell Part 1 Plan 50R11004; S/T

Reservations RR68454; S/T Easement as in RR68455; Township of Russell PIN 69067-0338:

Part Lot 9 Concession 7 Russell Part 1 50R6583; S/T Reservations

RR68454; S/T Easement as in RR68455; Township of Russell

PIN 69067-0337:

First: Part of Lot 9 Concession 7, being Part 7 on Plan 50R6583.

Second: Part Lot 9 Concession 7 Russell being Parts 3, 4 & Damp; 5 on Plan

50R6583 Russell;

Third: Part of Lot 18 Blais Street JB Lewis Plan 1899; Embrun being Part

3 on Plan 50R2224;

Fourth: Part of Lot 9 Concession 7 being Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 50R9101;

Fifth: Part Lot 9 Concession 7 Russell being Part 1 on Plan 50R9739.

Sixth: Part of Lot 9 Concession 7 Russell Save and Except BS16182,

RR98727, RR176081, Parts 1, 3 and 4 Plan 50R2224, Parts 1 to 17 Plan 50R3409, Parts 1 and 4 on Plan 50R4141, Parts 3, 4, and 5 Plan 50R6583, Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 50R9424, Plan 50M114, Plan 50M120, Part 1 Plan 50R10596; Save and Except Pars 2, 3,

4, 5 and 6 Plan 50R11104, Township of Russell.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto December 8, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson

Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance