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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0281

NIAGARA PENINSULA ENERGY INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

December 15, 2022

DECISION AND ORDER

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (NPEI) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 28, 2022, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to NPEI's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2007-0749. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which NPEI 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

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

- Part of Lot 167, part of Lots 17,18 and 19. Registered plan no. 717, Town of Pelham.

The proposed subject area is part of Summerside Villages subdivision that comprises of 70 single-detached residential dwellings. An earlier phase of the same subdivision is within NPEI service area. An amendment to the service area is necessary in order for NPEI to provide electricity distribution services.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that the subject area is currently located in the service territory of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One). It was determined by both distributors that it is more economically efficient to connect the customer to NPEI distribution system as it represents the lowest cost of connection and avoids duplication of distribution assets in the area. Hydro One has confirmed its support of the application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. The developer of Summerside Villages Subdivision has stated it requests NPEI provide distribution service to the subdivision.

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 NPEI. 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. Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc., electricity distribution licence ED-2007-0749, specifically under section 5 of Schedule 1 of the licence is amended to include the following:
 - Part of Lot 167, Part of Lots 17,18 and 19. Registered plan no. 717, Town of Pelham.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto December 15, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance