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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0257

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.

Application for an Electricity Distribution Licence Renewal

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

January 5, 2023

DECISION AND ORDER

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. (Niagara Hydro) filed an application on September 20, 2022, with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for renewal of its electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0547, which is set to expire on March 31, 2023. Niagara Hydro distributes electricity in the municipal boundaries of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority pursuant to section 6 of the OEB Act. The Delegated Authority has considered the application without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

Niagara Hydro filed its application in accordance with the OEB's streamlined process for renewing existing distribution licences. The streamlined process was developed by the OEB to increase administrative efficiency and to minimize regulatory costs by enabling the OEB to rely on pertinent and currently valid information already reported to the OEB by the applicant. The process also requires an applicant to provide confirmation of specified information regarding its organization and service area. Through its application, Niagara Hydro provided all of the required information and confirmations, including that its service area is accurately described in its existing licence.

After considering the information filed by the applicant, the OEB finds that it is in the public interest to grant the application and renew Niagara Hydro's electricity distribution licence. For purposes of administrative efficiency, the licence is being issued under the same number as that of the expiring licence ED-2002-0547. This will serve to simplify administration regarding existing rate orders and other forms of regulatory documents, as well as assist in maintaining continuity in the reporting of information by the distributor. The OEB has also taken this opportunity to update the licence by removing standard terms and conditions, and an exemption, from the licence that are no longer in force or necessary. The licence is issued with a twenty-year term.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Niagara Hydro's application for the renewal of its electricity distribution licence is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

DATED at Toronto January 5, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance