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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0272

CENTRE WELLINGTON HYDRO LTD.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

January 26, 2023

DECISION AND ORDER

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. (CWH) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 17, 2022, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to CWH's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0498. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which CWH 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.

CWH requested the amendment to include the land described as Centre Wellington Business Park: Dickson Drive extension, East Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, Township of West Garafraxa.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that CWH may provide electricity distribution services to Township of Centre Wellington, a developer of the Centre Wellington Business Park located between Dickson Drive in the Town of Fergus and the 1st Line of Centre Wellington, formerly West Garafraxa Township. The subject area is described as Centre Wellington Business Park and consists of 24 commercial lots. The subject area is currently located in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) service area but is contiguous to the licensed service area of CWH.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that it is more economically efficient for CWH to serve the development given that CWH has the necessary existing assets adjacent to the subject land. Hydro One would have to build out approximately 0.8 km of new 3-phase distribution line to service the customer.

Hydro One and the customer, Township of Centre Wellington, 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 CWH. 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. CWH Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0498, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence is amended to include the following:

Centre Wellington Business Park: Dickson Drive extension, East Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, Township of West Garafraxa.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto January 26, 2023

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Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance