

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

EB-2022-0266

## ATIKOKAN HYDRO INC.

Application for an Electricity Distribution Licence Renewal

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

**January 26, 2023** 

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Atikokan Hydro Inc. (Atikokan) filed an application on October 10, 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-2003-0001, which is set to expire on March 31, 2023. Atikokan distributes electricity in the municipal boundaries of the Township of Atikokan, 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.

Atikokan 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, Atikokan 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 Atikokan's electricity distribution licence. For purposes of administrative efficiency, the renewal licence is being issued under the same number as that of the expiring licence ED-2003-0001. 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to update the licence by removing standard terms and conditions, and an exemption, from the licence, that are no longer in force or necessary.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. Atikokan'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 26, 2023

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance