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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0321

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

March 21, 2022

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 8, 2022, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to its service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2003-0043 and for an amendment to Entegrus Powerlines Inc. (Entegrus) service area as described in Schedule 1 of Entegrus' electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0563. Schedule 1 of each licence sets out the service area within which Hydro One and Entegrus are authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

Hydro One has requested the amendment to include the subject area described as:

- Part lot 9 Range 2 E River Rd Southwold, save and except Part 1 and 2 ON 11R9462; St. Thomas.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary so that Hydro One may provide electricity distribution services to one customer at 7350 Rieger Road in St. Thomas. The customer is currently within the service area of Entegrus.

The application has been considered by the Delegated Authority without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that it is more economically efficient for Hydro One to serve the customer. The evidence identified that Entegrus would have to extend their feeder by 550 meters, while Hydro One has an existing 4.8 kV feeder with sufficient capacity adjacent to the customer connection point. Entegrus has confirmed its support of the application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. In addition, the customer has requested Hydro One provide distribution service and has provided a letter of support which was included with the application.

Hydro One stated 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 Hydro One. Hydro One's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the way Hydro One's service area is described in its licence.

To reflect this amendment, Entegrus' distribution licence ED-2002-0563 will be amended to exclude the identified customer from Schedule 1 of Entegrus licence.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Entegrus Powerlines Inc. electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0563, specifically Schedule 1 for St. Thomas Energy Inc. Rate Zone of the licence is amended to include the following:

1. The municipal boundaries of the City of St. Thomas as of December 31, 1999.

Excluding the customers located at the following addresses:

- xiv. Part lot 9 Range 2 E River Rd Southwold, save and except Part 1 and 2 ON 11R9462; St. Thomas.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto March 21, 2023

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Brian Hewson
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