

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2022-0334

ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

March 21, 2023

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Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 22, 2022, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Alectra's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2016-0360. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Alectra 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.

Alectra requested that Schedule 1 be amended to include the subject area described as:

 PT LTS 2 & 3, BLK 4, CON 1 BINBROOK; T/W ROW ON PTS 2-6, PLAN 62R16649 AS IN BN7634 & BN8118 SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT AS IN WE994355 CITY OF HAMILTON being all of PIN 17385-2644 (LT)

The proposed subject area is generally referred to as Summit Park Phase 11A which is primarily a residential subdivision that comprises of 171 residential lots with a mixture of detached houses and townhouses. An earlier phase of the same subdivision is within Alectra's service area. An amendment to the service area is necessary in order for Alectra 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 Alectra 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. A letter from the developer, Multi-Area Developments Inc., asking Alectra to provide distribution service to the subdivision was also filed with 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 Alectra. 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. Alectra Utilities Corporation's electricity distribution licence ED-2016-0360, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence is amended to include the following:

The Horizon Rate Zone:

28. PT LTS 2 & 3, BLK 4, CON 1 BINBROOK; T/W ROW ON PTS 2-6, PLAN 62R16649 AS IN BN7634 & BN8118 SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT AS IN WE994355 CITY OF HAMILTON being all of PIN 17385-2644 (LT)

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto March 21, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance