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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2023-0070

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

April 18, 2023

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 18, 2023, 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 HONI's ED-2003-0043 licence. Schedule 1 sets out the service area within which HONI 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.

HONI has requested an amendment to its licence to include in Schedule 1 Appendix B, TAB 2 FIRST NATIONS RESERVES of its distribution licence ED-2003-0043 the subject area described as:

Reserve Name: Lake Nipigon First Nation Reserve

Band Name: Animbiigoo Zaagi'gan Anishinaabek First Nation

The proposed amendment is necessary so that HONI can provide electricity distribution services to Animbiigoo Zaagi'gan Anishinaabek (AZA) First Nation, located at the Lake Nipigon First Nation Reserve, specifically on the lands that are located beside Partridge Lake and approximately 11 km east of the community of Jellicoe, and approximately 50 km east of the community of Beardmore along Highway 11 in Ontario.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that HONI is the only distributor in the vicinity of the Lake Nipigon First Nation Reserve. In 2020, Hydro One completed the work to connect the AZA First Nation, which consisted of converting 7 km of existing single phase distribution infrastructure to three phase and the construction of 5.6 km of three phase distribution infrastructure. Prior to the connection work being completed by Hydro One there was no electricity distribution infrastructure in the area. Hydro One has been serving the community since 2020.

The evidence submitted indicates the AZA First Nation plans to develop the Lake Nipigon First Nation Reserve. HONI has submitted that the AZA First Nation via a Band Council Resolution dated August 15, 2022, has provided their consent for HONI to be their electricity distributor and supply Lake Nipigon First Nation Reserve with

electrical power. A copy of the Band Council Resolution has been filled with the application.

HONI stated that no assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. The evidence also states that HONI's rates 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 HONI. HONI's distribution licence is amended to identify the Lake Nipigon First Nation Reserve as part HONI's service area as described in its licence.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Network Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0043, specifically Schedule 1 Appendix B, TAB 2 FIRST NATIONS RESERVES of the licence is amended to include the following:

Reserve Name: Lake Nipigon First Nation Reserve

Band Name: Animbiigoo Zaagi'gan Anishinaabek First Nation

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto April 18, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance