

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

## EB-2023-0079

## MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC.

**Application for a Service Area Amendment** 

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

May 2, 2023

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (Milton Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on February 1, 2023, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Milton Hydro's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2003-0014. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Milton Hydro 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.

Milton Hydro requested the amendment to include the subject area described as:

100 Fellows Drive, Eramosa (Milton), Ontario N0B 2K0 - CON 6 PT LOT 1 RP

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that Milton Hydro may provide electricity distribution services to 2726467 Ontario Ltd, c/o Jaskaran Deol, the commercial property owner of the subject area, located within the Town of Milton. The subject area is vacant land that is being prepared as a parking lot for trailers.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that it is more efficient for Milton Hydro to serve the vacant land. The subject area is currently within the service area of Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI); however, Hydro One's electricity distribution plant is not adjacent to the customer's property and Milton Hydro has an existing threephase 8.32 kV distribution line immediately adjacent to the customer's property. Milton Hydro has stated there is sufficient capacity in its existing distribution facilities to supply the proposed load. HONI and the customer 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 Milton Hydro. HONI's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of HONI's licence is presented.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0014, is amended to include the following in Schedule 1:

100 Fellows Drive, Eramosa (Milton), Ontario N0B 2K0 - CON 6 PT LOT 1 RP

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto May 2, 2023

### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance