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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2023-0145

WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM CORP.

Application for an Electricity Distribution Licence Renewal

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

June 20, 2023

DECISION AND ORDER

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (Welland Hydro) filed an application on May 16, 2023, 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-2003-0002, which is set to expire on October 9, 2023.

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.

Welland Hydro 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, Welland Hydro 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 Welland Hydro's electricity distribution licence. For the purpose of administrative efficiency, the licence is being issued under the same number as that of the expiring licence (ED-2003-0002). 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 Welland Hydro. The OEB has also taken this opportunity to update the standard terms and conditions of the licence, and by removing the two exemptions from Schedule 3 of the licence, which are no longer in force or necessary. The licence is issued with a twenty-year term.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.'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 June 20, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance