

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2023-0169

HALTON HILLS HYDRO INC.

**Application for an Electricity Distribution Licence
Renewal**

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

July 25, 2023

DECISION AND ORDER

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. (Halton Hills Hydro) filed an application on June 7, 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-2002-0552, which is set to expire on November 16, 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.

Halton Hills 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, Halton Hills Hydro provided all of the required information and confirmations, including that its service areas are 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 Halton Hills 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-2002-0552). 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 Halton Hills Hydro. The OEB has also taken this opportunity to update the standard terms and conditions of the licence, and by removing one of the exemptions from Schedule 3 of the licence, which is no longer in force or necessary. The licence is issued with a twenty-year term.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Halton Hills Hydro Inc.'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 July 25, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance