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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2023-0217

HCE ENERGY INC.

Application for an Electricity Retailer (Large Volume) Licence

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

August 10, 2023

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HCE Energy Inc. (HCE Energy) filed a complete application on August 2, 2023, with the OEB under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an electricity retailer licence renewal to retail to large volume consumers only.

This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority without a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

HCE Energy Inc. (HCE Energy), formerly known as Hamilton Hydro Services Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hamilton Enterprises Holding Corporation. HCE Energy, a licensed electricity generator (EG-2023-0075) operates a district energy plant providing thermal heat, cooling and electricity and performs electricity retailing services to a large volume consumer, the City of Hamilton, under a power purchase agreement.

After considering the evidence and assessing the technical capability and financial viability of the applicant, the OEB finds that it is in the public interest to grant the application and issue an electricity retailer (large volume consumers only) licence to HCE Energy Inc. The OEB notes the complete application was filed by the applicant only 20 days prior to the expiration of the existing licence and takes this opportunity to remind the applicant and all existing licencees that they must ensure their renewal application is filed in time to permit the OEB to undertake its review and issue a licence prior to the expiry of an existing licence.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1.   The application by HCE Energy Inc. for an electricity retailer (large volume consumers only) licence is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

DATED at Toronto August 10, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance