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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2023-0265

CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

Application for an Electricity Distribution Licence
Renewal

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

November 2, 2023

DECISION AND ORDER

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (CNPI) filed a complete application on October 3, 2023, with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for a renewal of its electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0572, which is set to expire on November 5, 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.

CNPI filed its application in accordance with the OEB's streamlined process for renewals of 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, CNPI provided all of the required information and confirmations. In the application, CNPI identified 24 addresses in its Eastern Ontario Power (EOP) zone which it requested be added to its service area description. These addresses are all currently connected and served by CNPI but had not been included in the existing licence at the time of various amalgamations with previous distributors.

After considering the information filed by the applicant, the OEB finds that it is in the public interest to grant the application and renew CNPI's electricity distribution licence. For purposes of administrative efficiency, the renewal licence is being issued under the same number as that of the expiring licence (ED-2002-0572). 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 the distributor. The OEB has also taken this opportunity to update the licence by removing standard terms and conditions, and by removing exemptions from the licence, that are no longer in force or necessary. The OEB approves the additions to Schedule 1 of CNPI's licence as the changes reflect existing service to consumers over many years. The applicant is reminded that it carries the onus of informing the OEB of any changes to its service area in a timely manner. The licence is issued with a twenty-year term.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Canadian Niagara Power 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 November 2, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance