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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2023-0320**

### **HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**

**Application for the extension of an interim distribution licence issued to operate the electricity distribution system in the Township of Chapleau.**

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

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**November 21, 2023**

## DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) holds an interim licence issued by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 59(2) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), under which Hydro One has possession and control of the electricity distribution system owned and operated by Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (CPUC). The interim licence (ED-2023-0144) was issued by the OEB on May 23, 2023 for a period of six months.

On October 24, 2023, Hydro One provided the OEB with a written update on the status of its operations under the interim licence. Hydro One has requested that the term of its interim licence, ED-2023-0144, be extended for an additional six months. The interim licence provides that the term may be extended by the OEB.

In its observation report (report), affixed to its request, Hydro One has commented on the findings since it commenced managing the operations of CPUC. This includes a synopsis of the current status of the various assets and operations of CPUC. Hydro One also reported that, it expects to execute an Asset Purchase Agreement (agreement) with the owners of CPUC, shortly, and thus has requested for the term of the interim licence be extended to allow CPUC, the Township of Chapleau and Hydro One adequate time to develop and execute an agreement.

The OEB is satisfied that Hydro One's management and operation of the distribution system supplying the Township of Chapleau will help ensure the continued reliability of supply to consumers in that community.

The OEB finds it necessary and in the public interest to extend the term of Hydro One's interim licence to ensure the continuity of reliable electricity supply to consumers in the Township of Chapleau.

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The term of the interim electricity distribution licence, ED-2023-0144, is extended for a further period of six months to May 20, 2024. The interim electricity distribution licence set out in Appendix A, is effective as of November 21, 2023. All other conditions of licence ED-2023-0144 remain unchanged.
2. Hydro One shall:
  - a. Continue to remain in possession and control of the electricity distribution system owned and operated by CPUC and continue to comply with the provisions of the interim licence set out in Appendix A.

- b. Continue to collect revenue from customers within the service area of CPUC based on the rates and charges set out in the most current Schedule of Rates and Charges applicable to CPUC.
  - c. Record revenues collected from customers within the service area of CPUC and the costs of operation and maintenance of the system in a deferral account under the Uniform System of Accounts.
- 3. CPUC shall:
  - a. Continue to surrender possession and control of its distribution assets to Hydro One. CPUC will not be entitled to any compensation from the Crown, the OEB or any person for being required to surrender possession and control of its distribution assets and business.
- 4. In terms of the continuation of transfer of possession and control of the CPUC distribution system to Hydro One, both Hydro One and CPUC will ensure public, system and employee safety.

**DATED** at Toronto November 21, 2023

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

**Appendix “A”**

**Interim Distribution Licence**

**ED-2023-0144**

**Effective November 21, 2023**