

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

EB-2023-0363

## **BRACEBRIDGE GENERATION LTD.**

**Application for an Electricity Generation Licence** 

EB-2024-0080

## **BRACEBRIDGE GENERATION LTD.**

**Application for an Electricity Generation Licence Amendment** 

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Bracebridge Generation Ltd. (Bracebridge) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 24, 2024, under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for a renewal of its electricity generation licence EG-2003-0147, which expired on October 7, 2023. On January 30, 2024, Bracebridge also filed an application pursuant to section 74 of the OEB Act, to amend Schedule 1 of its electricity generation licence, EG-2003-0120.

The OEB combined the applications into one proceeding, pursuant to section 21(5) of the OEB Act. This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority without a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

Bracebridge is currently licensed to own and operate ten generation facilities located in Ontario. In Bracebridge's licence renewal application, Bracebridge included Wasdell Generating Station, a generation facility it had acquired in April 2023. Bracebridge did not submit an electricity generation licence amendment application, to amend Schedule 1 of its EG-2003-0120 licence, for licence authorization to own and operate the new facility at the time of its acquisition.

On January 30, 2024, following communication from OEB staff, Bracebridge submitted an application under EB-2024-0080 requesting an amendment to Schedule 1 of its generation licence, to update its facility listing to include authorization to own and operate the Wasdell Falls Generating Station, located at 2982 Wasdell Falls Road, Washago, Ontario.

After considering the application 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 generation licence to Bracebridge Generation Ltd., which includes the Wasdell Falls Generating Station in Schedule 1 of the licence.

The OEB notes the application was filed by the applicant 66 days after the expiration of the existing licence. Applicants are reminded of the importance to apply for a renewal of any licence sufficiently prior to the expiry date to allow for processing of the application.

In addition, Bracebridge acquired a new generation facility in April 2023 and did not submit a request for licence amendment to include the facility under Schedule 1 of its licence and was therefore operating the new facility without being authorized to do so. Applicants are reminded of the importance of notifying the OEB immediately when changes to their licence authorization is required to maintain compliance with its licence requirements.

The granting of this licence is without prejudice to any future compliance action regarding Bracebridge's operating without a licence or operating a generation facility without licence authorization.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The application by Bracebridge Generation Ltd. to add the Wasdell Generating Station to Schedule 1 of its electricity generation licence is granted.
- 2. The application by Bracebridge Generation Ltd for an electricity generation licence is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

DATED at Toronto February 27, 2024

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance