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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2023-0357

YORK (BATTERY) L.P.

Application for an Electricity Storage Licence

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: **Tracy Garner**
Manager,
Transmission Policy & Compliance

February 29, 2024

DECISION AND ORDER

York (Battery) L.P. (York BESS) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 6, 2023, under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an electricity storage licence.

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.

York BESS was formed to participate in the Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) Expedited Long-Term RFP, E-LT1 RFP. The applicant's proposal was selected by the IESO and a formal agreement, between both parties, was ratified to formalize the long-term contractual arrangements to generate electricity.

The applicant has stated that it will own and operate one battery storage facility located in Newmarket, Ontario. The applicant also stated that it expects to commence construction of the facility in July 2024 and commercial operation on August 31, 2025.

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 storage licence to York BESS. However, as the applicant has not yet constructed the facility and considering that it does not expect to commence commercial operation until August 31, 2025, the OEB's approval in this Decision and Order shall not take effect until the applicant files written evidence with the OEB confirming completion of construction of the facility and ready to commence commercial operation. Once the OEB receives the written confirmation an electricity storage licence will be issued to York BESS.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Subject to paragraph 2 below, the application by York BESS for an electricity storage licence is approved.
2. The grant of the electricity storage licence shall not take effect until York BESS advises the OEB, in writing, that the facility described in its application, and summarized in the Decision and Order, has been constructed and is ready to commence commercial operation.

DATED at Toronto February 29, 2024

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Tracy Garner
Manager, Transmission Policy & Compliance