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# **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2024-0070 / EB-2024-0071 /  
EB-2024-0072 / EB-2024-0073**

## **HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**

**Applications for leave to sell distribution assets to Bell  
Canada**

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

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**February 29, 2024**

## DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed four applications with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 17, 2024, under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell distribution system assets to Bell Canada.

The assets that are the subject of the proposed transaction are (collectively “subject assets”) as follows:

- 93 poles, as described in Attachment 1, located on Wilson Street West, Central Drive, Valleyview Drive, Taylor Road and Orchard Drive, in Ancaster, Ontario;
- 8 poles, as described in Attachment 2, located on Nipissing Street and Marleau Road in Sturgeon Falls, Ontario;
- 9 poles, as described in Attachment 3, located on Clear Lake Road in Seguin, Ontario; and
- 30 poles, as described in Attachment 4, located on Dufferin Street, Elm Street, Landsdowne Street, and Miles Avenue, in Cartier, Ontario.

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 holding a hearing, pursuant to Section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

Section 86(1)(b) of the Act provides that leave of the OEB is required before a transmitter or a distributor can “sell, lease or otherwise dispose of that part of its transmission or distribution system that is necessary in serving the public.” The assets that are the subject of this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

The sale is for the purpose of maintaining the ownership balance between Bell Canada and Hydro One as per a Joint Use Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement stipulates that in case Bell Canada wishes to do any work in Bell Canada’s prime exchange areas, it must hold ownership of the subject assets. After completion of the proposed transaction, Bell Canada will own the subject assets and Hydro One will continue as a tenant on these subject assets. The subject assets will continue to be used for supplying electrical load to existing Hydro One customers. The applicant stated that the transactions will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service, operational flexibility, or economic efficiency of Hydro One. As well, the applicant stated that there

will be no impact on Hydro One's distribution rates as a result of the sale of the subject assets.

This is a cash sale. The parties to the transactions have agreed that the subject assets will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis for a total sale price of \$161,386.51 (\$119,272.54 + \$8,368.78 + \$17,094.64 + \$16,650.55) inclusive of HST. The sale price represents the value of the subject assets based on the residual value tables in the Agreement. The residual value has been modified to deduct the cost of removing the subject assets.

The OEB finds that the proposed transactions are reasonable and are not anticipated to have any negative effects. It is therefore in the public interest to grant Hydro One leave to sell the subject assets described above to Bell Canada.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell the following subject assets to Bell Canada:
  - 93 poles, as described in Attachment 1, located on Wilson Street West, Central Drive, Valleyview Drive, Taylor Road and Orchard Drive, in Ancaster, Ontario;
  - 8 poles, as described in Attachment 2, located on Nipissing Street and Marleau Road in Sturgeon Falls, Ontario;
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**DATED** at Toronto February 29, 2024

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Tracy Garner  
Manager, Transmission Policy & Compliance

Attachments - Asset List

## Asset List

### Attachment - 1

| Work Location | Barcode | Height | Pole Year | Age | Residual Value (\$449 removal cost subtracted) |
|---------------|---------|--------|-----------|-----|------------------------------------------------|
| 1             | B6NC3J  | 35'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 2             | CXP5PR  | 55'    | 2018      | 2   | \$2,879.04                                     |
| 3             | CXP5MC  | 40'    | 2018      | 2   | \$1,322.88                                     |
| 4             | B6NJB   | 35'    | 1966      | 54  | \$1.00                                         |
| 5             | B8989P  | 35'    | 2006      | 14  | \$860.40                                       |
| 6             | D3D72A  | 40'    | 2018      | 2   | \$1,322.88                                     |
| 7             | B6NJEX  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 8             | B6NJFC  | 40'    | 2007      | 13  | \$1,019.72                                     |
| 9             | BQ5V7G  | 45'    | 2011      | 9   | \$1,403.02                                     |
| 10            | ACLXSM  | 45'    | 1999      | 21  | \$992.38                                       |
| 11            | ACLXTR  | 45'    | 1999      | 21  | \$992.38                                       |
| 12            | BF36VF  | 50'    | 2013      | 7   | \$1,544.56                                     |
| 13            | BQ5GJP  | 40'    | 2010      | 10  | \$1,102.40                                     |
| 14            | B6NHLY  | 50'    | 1999      | 21  | \$1,041.68                                     |
| 15            | B6MC4L  | 50'    | 2013      | 7   | \$1,544.56                                     |
| 16            | B6NHDK  | 35'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 17            | B6NHEP  | 35'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 18            | B6NHKT  | 35'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 19            | B6NHHE  | 40'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 20            | B6NHJP  | 40'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 21            | B6NHCF  | 35'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 22            | B6NHVW  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 23            | B6NHTM  | 35'    | 1960      | 60  | \$1.00                                         |
| 24            | B6NHSH  | 35'    | 1960      | 60  | \$1.00                                         |
| 25            | CFS43X  | 40'    | 2010      | 10  | \$1,102.40                                     |
| 26            | D42YPA  | 35'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 27            | B6NHPS  | 35'    | 1956      | 64  | \$1.00                                         |
| 28            | BQ5VHN  | 40'    | 2011      | 9   | \$1,129.96                                     |
| 29            | BQ5VEY  | 40'    | 2011      | 9   | \$1,129.96                                     |
| 30            | BQ59BX  | 40'    | 2011      | 9   | \$1,129.96                                     |
| 31            | BQ59CC  | 40'    | 2011      | 9   | \$1,129.96                                     |
| 32            | B6NJ5V  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 33            | B898AC  | 40'    | 2006      | 14  | \$992.16                                       |
| 34            | B6NJ2G  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 35            | B6NHYL  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 36            | B6NHXG  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 37            | BQ5GXH  | 45'    | 2011      | 9   | \$1,403.02                                     |
| 38            | BQ5GWC  | 45'    | 2011      | 9   | \$1,403.02                                     |
| 39            | BQ5VUA  | 45'    | 2011      | 9   | \$1,403.02                                     |
| 40            | B6NJPA  | 35'    | 1977      | 43  | \$167.30                                       |
| 41            | BKJ2MX  | 40'    | 2013      | 7   | \$1,185.08                                     |
| 42            | BKJ2NC  | 40'    | 2013      | 7   | \$1,185.08                                     |
| 43            | B6NJLG  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 44            | B6NJJW  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 45            | D33C9G  | 40'    | 2017      | 3   | \$1,295.32                                     |
| 46            | B6NK5Z  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 47            | B6NK4U  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 48            | B6NK2K  | 30'    | 1957      | 63  | \$1.00                                         |
| 49            | BFMD4V  | 40'    | 2011      | 9   | \$1,129.96                                     |
| 50            | B6NJZY  | 40'    | 1970      | 50  | \$1.00                                         |
| 51            | CVR7BJ  | 40'    | 2013      | 7   | \$1,185.08                                     |

|    |        |     |      |    |            |
|----|--------|-----|------|----|------------|
| 52 | CXP5HD | 40' | 2018 | 2  | \$1,322.88 |
| 53 | CXP5GY | 40' | 2018 | 2  | \$1,322.88 |
| 54 | D3C7SG | 55' | 2017 | 3  | \$2,819.06 |
| 55 | CXP5MC | 55' | 2018 | 2  | \$2,879.04 |
| 56 | D3LQPS | 75' | 2016 | 4  | \$6,683.80 |
| 57 | D3LRET | 70' | 2016 | 4  | \$5,535.64 |
| 58 | D3LR6W | 65' | 2017 | 3  | \$4,923.72 |
| 59 | ACLWSJ | 50' | 1985 | 35 | \$538.80   |
| 60 | CVR4XD | 55' | 2012 | 8  | \$2,519.16 |
| 61 | CVE7MZ | 55' | 2012 | 8  | \$2,519.16 |
| 62 | ACLWVX | 50' | 1957 | 63 | \$1.00     |
| 63 | BMTLHG | 50' | 2019 | 1  | \$1,760.08 |
| 64 | BKHSQN | 45' | 2010 | 10 | \$1,368.80 |
| 65 | BKH5WR | 45' | 2010 | 10 | \$1,368.80 |
| 66 | BKH5RS | 45' | 2010 | 10 | \$1,368.80 |
| 67 | BKH5SX | 45' | 2010 | 10 | \$1,368.80 |
| 68 | BKH5TC | 45' | 2010 | 10 | \$1,368.80 |
| 69 | B6NK9T | 55' | 2002 | 18 | \$1,919.36 |
| 70 | BQ5GKU | 50' | 1997 | 23 | \$969.84   |

|               |        |     |      |    |                     |
|---------------|--------|-----|------|----|---------------------|
| 71            | ACLXKY | 40' | 1972 | 48 | \$55.12             |
| 72            | ACLXLD | 40' | 1986 | 34 | \$440.96            |
| 73            | B8993P | 40' | 2006 | 14 | \$992.16            |
| 74            | BKHVYN | 40' | 2013 | 7  | \$1,185.08          |
| 75            | BKHVXJ | 40' | 2013 | 7  | \$1,185.08          |
| 76            | BKHVWD | 40' | 2013 | 7  | \$1,185.08          |
| 77            | BKHVVY | 40' | 2013 | 7  | \$1,185.08          |
| 78            | ACLXAA | 45' | 1989 | 31 | \$650.18            |
| 79            | AGS6BC | 45' | 2014 | 6  | \$1,505.68          |
| 80            | ACLXCK | 45' | 2012 | 8  | \$1,437.24          |
| 81            | D5E7VF | 45' | 2019 | 1  | \$1,676.78          |
| 82            | CFS2ZC | 40' | 1957 | 63 | \$1.00              |
| 83            | BKHVTP | 40' | 2013 | 7  | \$1,185.08          |
| 84            | BKHVSJ | 40' | 2013 | 7  | \$1,185.08          |
| 85            | BKHVRE | 35' | 2013 | 7  | \$1,027.70          |
| 86            | B8997J | 40' | 2006 | 14 | \$992.16            |
| 87            | B6NK7J | 30' | 1965 | 55 | \$1.00              |
| 88            | D3LPYH | 70' | 2012 | 8  | \$5,054.28          |
| 89            | D3LQ2Y | 70' | 2012 | 8  | \$5,054.28          |
| 90            | CVR4WY | 60' | 2012 | 8  | \$3,694.70          |
| 91            | B6NC6Y | 35' | 1957 | 63 | \$1.00              |
| 92            | B6NC7D | 40' | 1980 | 40 | \$275.60            |
| 93            | B6NC8J | 35' | 1957 | 63 | \$1.00              |
| <b>Total:</b> |        |     |      |    | <b>\$105,550.92</b> |

### Attachment - 2

| Pole   | Age and Size    | Residual Value    |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------|
| AZNJDL | 1989 / 45' / E+ | \$926.00          |
| CLE45D | 2015 / 45' / E+ | \$2,262.00        |
| AZNS9S | 1985 / 45' / E+ | \$720.00          |
| AZNS7J | 1985 / 45' / E+ | \$720.00          |
| AZNS6D | 1982 / 45' / E+ | \$566.00          |
| AZNRJV | 1982 / 45' / E+ | \$566.00          |
| AZNNPJ | 1987 / 45' / E+ | \$823.00          |
| AZNNHV | 1987 / 45' / E+ | \$823.00          |
|        | <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$7,406.00</b> |

### Attachment - 3

| Work Location | Size/Age Pole | Residual Value |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| C4RMJR        | 1993 45'      | \$ 1,344.00    |
| C4RMKW        | 1993 45'      | \$ 2,264.00    |
| C4RMLB        | 1991 40'      | \$ 1,794.00    |
| C4RMMG        | 1993 45'      | \$ 1,344.00    |
| C4RMNL        | 1994 40'      | \$ 1,258.00    |
| C4RMPV        | 1993 45'      | \$ 2,264.00    |
| C4RMQA        | 1993 40'      | \$ 1,973.00    |
| C4RMUU        | 1990 40'      | \$ 1,867.00    |
| BNHQDY        | 1984 45'      | \$ 1,020.00    |
|               | Total         | \$ 15,128.00   |

## Attachment – 4

| Pole          | Description               | Resid. Value | Extra Space | Unit Costs   |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| C4A2JP        | 1940s - 45'4 - Earth +    | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| C4JVEE        | 1940s - 40'4 - Earth +    | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| C4JVPH        | 1940s - 30'4 - Rock Mount | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| C4JVWQ        | 1988 - 50'3 - Earth +     | \$ 1,584.00  |             | \$ 1,135.00  |
| C4JVQM        | 2007 - 50'3 - Earth +     | \$ 2,933.00  |             | \$ 2,484.00  |
| C4JVYA        | 1995 - 45'3 - Earth +     | \$ 1,854.00  |             | \$ 1,405.00  |
| C4JVZF        | 1973 - 35'4 - Earth +     | \$ 492.00    |             | \$ 43.00     |
| C4JVAK        | 1973 - 35'4 - Earth +     | \$ 492.00    |             | \$ 43.00     |
| C4JVGP        | 1973 - 30'4 - Earth +     | \$ 495.00    |             | \$ 46.00     |
| C4JVFJ        | 1973 - 30'4 - Earth +     | \$ 495.00    |             | \$ 46.00     |
| C4JWWU        | 1973 - 35'4 - Earth +     | \$ 492.00    |             | \$ 43.00     |
| C4JVMs        | 1985 - 45'3 - Earth +     | \$ 1,243.00  |             | \$ 794.00    |
| C4JVLN        | 1985 - 45'3 - Earth +     | \$ 1,243.00  |             | \$ 794.00    |
| C4JG6Z        | 1985 - 45'3 - Earth +     | \$ 1,243.00  |             | \$ 794.00    |
| C4JUff        | 1981 - 40'4 - Earth +     | \$ 941.00    |             | \$ 492.00    |
| C4JV8R        | 1985 - 40'4 - Earth +     | \$ 1,160.00  |             | \$ 711.00    |
| C4JUVH        | 1981 - 45'3 - Earth +     | \$ 999.00    |             | \$ 550.00    |
| C4JUWM        | 1985 - 45'5 - Earth +     | \$ 1,243.00  |             | \$ 794.00    |
| C4JUyW        | 1951 - 30'5 - Earth +     | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| D2XLDY        | 2016 - 45'3 - Earth +     | \$ 3,137.00  |             | \$ 2,688.00  |
| C4JV2N        | 1951 - 35'5 - Earth +     | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| C4JV3S        | 1981 - 45'3 - Earth +     | \$ 999.00    |             | \$ 550.00    |
| C4JV4X        | 1984 - 40'4 - Earth +     | \$ 1,105.00  |             | \$ 656.00    |
| C4JV5C        | 1984 - 40'4 - Earth +     | \$ 1,105.00  |             | \$ 656.00    |
| C4JV7M        | 1969 - 40'5 - Earth +     | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| C4JFLB        | 1970 - 40'5 - Earth +     | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| C4JFKW        | 1970 - 35'6 - Earth +     | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| C4A2DK        | 1970 - 40'5 - Earth +     | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| C4A2CF        | 1970 - 40'5 - Earth +     | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| C4A2FU        | 1970 - 45'5 - Earth +     | \$ 449.00    |             | \$ 1.00      |
| TOTAL CHARGES |                           | \$ 28,194.00 | \$ -        | \$ 14,735.00 |