

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2023-0367

ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

March 26, 2024

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Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 21, 2023, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Alectra's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2016-0360. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service areas within which Alectra is authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

Alectra has requested the amendment to include the lands (subject property) described as below:

"PCL 4-1, BLK 4, SEC BINBROOK 1; PT LT 4, BLK 4, CON 1 BINBROOK; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT IN GROSS OVER PART 4 AND 16, PLAN 62R19861 AS IN WE994358; CITY OF HAMILTON being all of PIN 17385-1941 (LT)"

The proposed service area amendment will allow Alectra to provide electricity distribution services to the residential homes constructed by Multi-Area Developments Inc. (developer) on the subject property, currently located in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (HONI) service area.

Alectra's evidence states that its electricity infrastructure has sufficient capacity, and its connection points are in close proximity to the subject property. Therefore, both distributors, Alectra, and HONI, have agreed to align with the developer's request to be connected to Alectra's distribution system. HONI has consented to this service area amendment application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. Furthermore, Alectra has submitted the request from the developer for Alectra to distribute electricity to the subject property.

The evidence states that no assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. Also, the rates of both Alectra and HONI will be unaffected and there will not be any effect on safety, reliability, or service quality.

Based on the evidence, the OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment proposed by Alectra. HONI's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of HONI's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Alectra's electricity distribution licence ED-2016-0360, specifically Schedule 1, The Horizon Rate Zone, of the licence is amended to include the following:
 - PCL 4-1, BLK 4, SEC BINBROOK 1; PT LT 4, BLK 4, CON 1 BINBROOK; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT IN GROSS OVER PART 4 AND 16, PLAN 62R19861 AS IN WE994358; CITY OF HAMILTON being all of PIN 17385-1941 (LT).

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto March 26, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance