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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0119

FORT ALBANY FIRST NATION

**Application for an Electricity Distribution Licence –
Owner Only Renewal**

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

April 9, 2024

DECISION AND ORDER

Fort Albany First Nation filed an application on March 19, 2024, with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for renewal of its electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0078, which expired on March 23, 2024. An Interim Decision and Order extending the licence term to September 21, 2024, was issued on March 21, 2024. The licence authorizes Fort Albany First Nation to own a distribution system, which is operated by Fort Albany Power Corporation under electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0079.

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.

Fort Albany First Nation filed its application in accordance with the OEB's streamlined process for renewing existing distribution licences. The streamlined process was developed by the OEB to increase administrative efficiency and to minimize regulatory costs by enabling the OEB to rely on pertinent and currently valid information already reported to the OEB by the applicant. The process also requires an applicant to provide confirmation of specified information regarding its organization and service area. Through its application, Fort Albany First Nation provided all of the required information and confirmations, including that its service area is accurately described in its existing licence.

After considering the information filed by the applicant, the OEB finds that it is in the public interest to grant the application and renew Fort Albany First Nation's electricity distribution licence as an owner of a distribution system. The OEB notes the application was filed by the applicant four days prior to the expiration of the existing licence and takes this opportunity to remind the applicant and all existing licencees that they must ensure their renewal application is filed in time to permit the OEB to undertake its review and issue a licence prior to the expiry of an existing licence.

For purposes of administrative efficiency, the licence is being issued under the same number as that of the expiring licence (ED-2003-0078). This will serve to simplify administration regarding existing rate orders and other forms of regulatory documents, as well as assist in maintaining continuity in the reporting of information by the distributor. The OEB has also taken this opportunity to update the licence by removing standard terms and conditions, and the exemptions, from the licence that are no longer in force or necessary. The licence is issued with a twenty-year term.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Fort Albany First Nation's application for the renewal of its electricity distribution licence – owner only is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

DATED at Toronto, April 9, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance