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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0181

KASHECHEWAN POWER CORPORATION

Application for an Electricity Distribution Licence Renewal

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

May 30, 2024

DECISION AND ORDER

Kashechewan Power Corporation (KPC) filed a complete application on May 22, 2024, with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for a renewal of its electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0081, which is set to expire on June 2, 2024.

A [Decision and Order](#) was issued on April 11, 2024, granting leave to transfer ownership of all assets pertaining to the distribution system that distributes electricity to consumers in the remote First Nation community of Kashechewan in the James Bay Lowlands from Kashechewan First Nation (KFN) to Kashechewan Power Corporation (KPC)¹.

In the decision it was also stated that the OEB would cancel the electricity distribution licence held by KFN and amend the electricity distribution licence held by KPC once the parties submitted written confirmation that the transaction had been completed.

KPC filed its licence renewal application in accordance with the OEB's streamlined process for renewals of 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, KPC provided all of the required information and confirmations, including that its service area is accurately described in its existing licence.

On May 22, 2024, KPC also submitted notification to the OEB, that the transfer of ownership of the Kashechewan Distribution System from KFN to KPC was completed. In the [Decision and Order](#) regarding the OEB's approval to grant leave of KFN to transfer ownership to KPC, the OEB noted that KPC had not been compliant with its all of its licensing requirements as an electricity distributor and requested KPC submit an exemption request or communicate a plan to the OEB by October 10, 2024, to rectify KPC's standing as an electricity distributor.

¹ Kashechewan First Nation holds electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0080 authorizing it to own the electricity assets in Kashechewan, and Kashechewan Power Corporation holds electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0081 authorizing it to operate the same assets.

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.

Findings

After considering the information filed by the applicant, the OEB finds that it is in the public interest to grant the application and renew KPC's electricity distribution licence. For purposes of administrative efficiency, the renewal licence is being issued under the same number as that of the expiring licence (ED-2003-0081). 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 by removing exemptions from the licence, that are no longer in force or necessary. The licence is issued with a twenty-year term.

Having received written confirmation that the ownership of the Kashechewan distribution system assets has now been completed, the OEB is also amending KPC's electricity distribution licence to reflect the ownership and operation of the distribution system and canceling KFN's electricity distributor licence. The OEB reminds KPC of the expectation that KPC will either file an exemption request or a plan to rectify the noncompliance with some of its licensing requirements by October 10, 2024.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Kashechewan Power Corporation's application for the renewal of its electricity distribution licence is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.
2. The electricity distribution licence for Kashechewan First Nation is cancelled.

DATED at Toronto May 30, 2024

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Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance