

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

EB-2024-0192

## HYDRO ONE REMOTE COMMUNITIES INC.

Application for an Electricity Generation Licence Amendment

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President,

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (the Applicant) filed an application on May 31, 2024, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), to amend Schedule 1 of its electricity generation licence EG-2023-0227.

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.

Schedule 1 of the Applicant's electricity generation licence (EG-2023-0227) lists generation facilities in Ontario owned and/or operated by the Applicant. The Applicant has owned and operated the Deer Lake Mini Hydel Generation Station, located in the remote community of Deer Lake, for approximately 25 years.

The Applicant has requested that Schedule 1 of its licence be amended to change the name of the Deer Lake Mini Hydel Generation Station to Deer Lake/Shoulderblade Falls Hydel Generation Station (the Generation Station). The Applicant has also requested that Schedule 1 be amended to reflect the fact that on April 16, 2024, ownership of the Generation Station transitioned to Deer Lake First Nation, timed with the Deer Lake community's connection to the Wataynikaneyap transmission line. Since the Generation Station is less than 500 kW, and it does not own any other generation facilities, Deer Lake First Nation is exempt from the requirement to hold an electricity generation licence. Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. remains the operator of the Generation Station.

The OEB finds that the amendment to the licence EG-2023-0227 is in the public interest and will amend it to reflect the Schedule 1 change as applied for by Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The application is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

**DATED** at Toronto July 11, 2024

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance