



EB-2008-0269

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application pursuant to
section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* by Hydro
One Networks Inc., to amend the Electricity Distribution
Licences of Hydro One Networks Inc. and Cornwall Street
Railway Light and Power Company Limited (ED-2003-0043
and ED-2004-0405 respectively).

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“HONI”) filed an application on July 25, 2008, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend the service areas of HONI and Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited (“Cornwall Electric”) to reflect the removal of the service address “800 Second Street West” from HONI’s licence, and the addition of that service address to Cornwall Electric’s licence.

Specifically, the application seeks an order of the Board to:

1. amend HONI’s distribution licence at Appendix B, Tab 5 (Consumers embedded within another distributor but served by the licensee) so as to remove the service address “800 Second Street West”; and
2. amend Cornwall Electric’s distribution licence at Schedule 1 (Definition of distribution service area) so as to remove the service address “800 Second Street West” from the list of 44kV supplied service addresses that are excluded from the service area.

Cornwall Electric consented to the application.

The Board assigned the application file number EB-2008-0269.

The service address involved used to be that of Domtar Paper, which has closed its business on the site. A new small commercial customer is now occupying a part of the site, and is seeking to receive electricity service from the local distributor, Cornwall Electric, consistent with its general service needs, by discontinuing the former 44kV industrial electricity service supplied to the site by HONI.

FINDINGS

The evidence filed with the application indicates that there is no longer any need for HONI's 44 kV service at 800 Second Street in Cornwall. In this regard, the applicant filed a letter of support from the customer at the service address in question.

One of two 44 kV circuits in the area will be removed if this application is approved, since HONI will have excess capacity and can avoid maintaining 2 lines if one is removed. The other 44 kV circuit will be maintained as it serves an existing customer nearby.

The applicant states that the 6 km circuit to be removed has an estimated net book value of "significantly less than \$1 million". The applicant also states that this amount is not material.

Cornwall Electric will not be required to expand its system in order to serve the site as the site lies along its existing system. Therefore no new capital (other than for a standard connection) is required.

The applicant states that the rates of both distributors will be unaffected by the proposed amendments and there will be no effect on reliability and service quality. Also, there will be no adverse effects on existing or potential customers of either distributor.

I find that it is in the public interest to amend HONI's and Cornwall Electric's electricity distribution licences as proposed by the applicant.

The applicant requested that the Board decide the application without a hearing. I have done so. All affected parties consented to the application as filed. The evidence filed with the Board demonstrated that the amendments will not produce any adverse effects on the existing or potential customers of the distributors.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. HONI's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0043), specifically Appendix B, Tab 5 (Consumers embedded within another distributor but served by the licensee), is amended so as to remove the service address "800 Second Street West"; and
2. Cornwall Electric's Electricity Distribution Licence, specifically Schedule 1 (Definition of distribution service area), is amended so as to remove the service address "800 Second Street West" from the list of 44kV supplied service addresses that are excluded from the service area.

The amended licences are attached to this order.

DATED at Toronto, October 21, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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