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January 7, 2024

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi,

RE: Service Area Amendment Application for Hydro One Networks Inc. to connect Argo Summer Hill – Brampton Ontario

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") is submitting this Service Area Amendment ("SAA") application ("the Application") to the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") to request an amendment to the distribution licence of Alectra Utilities Corporation ("Alectra") (ED-2016-0360). The Application is being made specifically for the purpose of connecting the Argo Summer Valley Subdivision ("the Customer") in Brampton, Ontario. Hydro One's Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0043) will not require an amendment given the way Schedule 1 of its license is presented.

The legal description of the land subject to this amendment is PART OF LOT 18 CONCESSION 1 EAST OF HURONTARIO STREET CHINGUACOUSY, PARTS 1 AND 2, PLAN 43R40376 SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 2, PLAN 43R40376 AS IN CH32237 CITY OF BRAMPTON with municipal address **12197 Hurontario Street, Brampton**. The proposed development will consist of 8 residential customers.

Should you have any questions on this application, please contact Mark Ciufu at (416) 345-5905 or via email at Mark.Ciufu@HydroOne.com.

An electronic copy of this application has been submitted using the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Sincerely,



Joanne Richardson

Cc: Abdul Hussaini, Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Service Area Amendment Application
Hydro One Networks Inc.
And
Alectra Utilities Corporation**

January 7, 2025

7.0 INTRODUCTION

This application for a Service Area Amendment is structured and follows the minimum filing requirement for SAA assigned by the Ontario Energy Board. The section numbers follow the filing requirement of the base reference.

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") is submitting this Service Area Amendment ("SAA") application ("the Application") to the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") to request an amendment to the distribution licence of Alectra Utilities Corporation ("Alectra") (ED-2016-0360). The Application is being made specifically for the purpose of connecting the Argo Summer Valley Subdivision ("the Customer") in Brampton, Ontario. Hydro One's Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0043) will not require an amendment given the way Schedule 1 of its license is presented.

Geographically, the Customer's property requiring connection is located within Alectra's service territory. Hydro One has an existing feeder with sufficient capacity that lies along this customer's connection that will facilitate connection.

Hydro One has completed the design and cost estimate and is ready to provide the Offer to Connect ("OTC") to the Customer. Hydro One considers itself to be the more economic efficient utility to serve this connection due to the existing lies along distribution infrastructure. Hydro One has received both Alectra's and Customer's consent to proceed with this connection. The Customer is requesting an in-service date as soon as possible and Hydro One requests an expeditious approval from the OEB with no hearing in order to meet the needs of the Customer.

For the reasons set out below, Hydro One respectfully submits that it is in the public interest to make the necessary amendment to the licence of Alectra without a hearing such that these development lands are included in Hydro One's service territory. Hydro One submits that it is the most economically rational and technically efficient option to supply the Customer. This Application is supported by the Customer and Alectra, as outlined in the Letters of Support included in **Attachment 3 and Attachment 4**.

This Application is consistent with, and satisfies the requirements outlined in, the OEB's Chapter 7 Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications. The Application is predicated on the principles established in the Board's Decision with Reasons in the RP-2003-0044 combined service area amendments proceeding (the "Combined Proceeding").

7.1 BASIC FACTS

GENERAL

7.1.1 (a)

Provide the contact information for the applicant
Contact information includes the name, postal address, telephone number, and, where available, the email address and fax number of the person

The Applicant:

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Contact Person:

Mark Ciufu
Regulatory Analyst, Regulatory Affairs
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7.1.1 (b)

Provide the contact information for the incumbent distributor
Contact information includes the name, postal address, telephone number, and, where available, the email address and fax number of the person

The Incumbent Distributor or Co-Applicant:

Alectra Utilities Corporation
2185 Derry Road West
Mississauga, Ontario
L5N 7A6

Contact Person:

Christine E. Long
Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs and Privacy Officer
Phone: (905) 798-3498
Email: Christine.Long@alecrautilities.com

7.1.1 (c)

Provide every affected customer, landowner, and developer in the area that is the subject of the SAA Application

Contact information includes the name, postal address, telephone number, and, where available, the email address and fax number of the person

The Registered Owner/Developer or Customer(s):

Argo Development Corporation
4900 Palladium Way, Suite 105
Burlington, Ontario
L7M 0W7

Contact Person:

Anil Datt
Development Manager
Phone: (416) 451-2017
Email: anil@argoland.com

7.1.1 (d) & (e)

Provide any alternate distributor other than the applicant and the incumbent distributor, if there are any alternate distributors bordering on the area that is the subject of the SAA application; and any representative of the persons listed above including, but not limited to, a legal representative

There are no alternate distributors or other parties affected by this SAA.

7.1.2 REASONS FOR APPROVAL OF THIS AMENDMENT

Indicate the reasons why this amendment should occur and identify any load transfers eliminated by the proposed SAA.

Hydro One submits that the proposed SAA is in the public interest as defined in the Combined Proceeding for the following reasons:

1. The proposed SAA is consistent with the objective of a rational and effective service area alignment based on both economic and engineering efficiency.
2. Hydro One has infrastructure that lies along the Subject Area that can provide the required electrical service.
3. Hydro One's connection proposal for the Subject Area is comparable to Alectra in terms of system planning, safety and service reliability.
4. The proposed SAA will not result in stranded or duplicated assets.
5. The incorporation of the Subject Area Lands into Hydro One's service area will be seamless. The Subject Area Lands will be contiguous to Hydro One's existing service territory.
6. The Customer's preference is that Hydro One service the Subject Area.

There would be no load transfers created or eliminated as a result of the proposed SAA consistent with the Distribution System Code ("DSC").

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SERVICE AREA

7.1.3

Provide a detailed description of the lands that are the subject of the SAA application. For SAA applications dealing with individual customers, the description of the lands should include the lot number, the concession number, and the municipal address of the lands. The address should include the street number, municipality and/or county, and postal code of the lands.

For SAA applications dealing with general expansion areas, the description of the lands should include the lot number and the concession number of the lands, if available, as well as a clear description of the boundaries of the area (including relevant geographical and geophysical features).

The legal description of the land subject to this amendment is PART OF LOT 18 CONCESSION 1 EAST OF HURONTARIO STREET CHINGUACOUSY, PARTS 1 AND 2, PLAN 43R40376 SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 2, PLAN 43R40376 AS IN CH32237 CITY OF BRAMPTON with municipal address **12197 Hurontario Street, Brampton**. The proposed development will consist of 8 residential customers, the focus of this SAA. The customers at 12231, 12213 and 12211 Hurontario St. are not subject of this SAA application as they remain Hydro One customers. Please see **Attachment 1** for a map showing the subject area.

Upon approval of the Application, Hydro One's licence (ED-2003-0043), will not need to be specifically updated to include this property. However, upon approval of the Application, an update will be necessary to Alectra's Licence (ED-2016-0360).

Schedule 1, section 1 of Alectra's distribution license is to be amended with:

1. The City of Brampton as at December 31, 1990 excluding:

...

- **12197 Hurontario Street**

7.1.4

Provide one or more maps or diagrams of the area that is the subject of the SAA application.

Please refer to **Attachment 1**.

7.1.4 (a)

Borders of the applicant's service area

Please refer to **Attachment 1**.

7.1.4 (b)

Borders of the incumbent distributor's service area

Please refer to **Attachment 1**.

7.1.4 (c)

Borders of any alternate distributor's service area

N/A – there are no alternate distributors surrounding this area.

7.1.4 (d)

Territory surrounding the area for which the applicant is making SAA application

Please refer to **Attachment 1**.

7.1.4 (e)

Geographical and geophysical features of the area including, but not limited to, rivers and lakes, property borders, roads, and major public facilities

Please refer to **Attachment 1**.

7.1.4 (f)

Existing facilities supplying the area that is the subject of the SAA application, if applicable, as well as the proposed facilities which will be utilized by the applicant to supply the area that is the subject of the SAA application (Note: if the proposed facilities will be utilized to also provide for expansion of load in the area that is the subject of the SAA application, identify that as well)

Please refer to **Attachment 1**. Hydro One will utilize the existing 27.6kV Snelgrove DS F5 feeder to supply the subdivision.

DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE IN AND AROUND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AREA

7.1.5

Provide a description of the proposed type of physical connection (i.e., individual customer; residential subdivision, commercial or industrial development, or general service area expansion).

This connection is for 8 residential connections within the Argo Summer Valley subdivision.

7.1.6

*Provide a description of the applicant's plans, if any, for similar expansions in lands adjacent to the area that is the subject of the SAA application.
Provide a map or diagram showing the lands where expansions are planned in relation to the area that is the subject of the SAA application.*

The Argo Summer Valley subdivision has plans for a total of 65 residential connections including in lands adjacent to this area which will be serviced at the same time. The adjacent lands (12231, 12213 and 12211 Hurontario St, Caledon) contain 57 residential connections and are within Hydro One service area.

Please refer to **Attachment 2**.

7.2 EFFICIENT RATIONALIZATION OF THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The proposed SAA will be evaluated in terms of rational and efficient service area realignment. This evaluation will be undertaken from the perspective of economic (cost) efficiency as well as engineering (technical) efficiency.

Applicants must demonstrate how the proposed SAA optimizes the use of existing infrastructure. In addition, applicants must indicate the long term impacts of the proposed SAA on reliability in the area to be served and on the ability of the system to meet growth potential in the area. Even if the proposed SAA does not represent the lowest cost to any particular party, the proposed SAA may promote economic efficiency if it represents the most effective use of existing resources and reflects the lowest long run economic cost of service to all parties.

This Application represents the most economically and technically efficient way to service the area. As represented in **Attachment 1**, Hydro One has existing lines along assets with sufficient capacity to service the customer.

7.2.1 ECONOMIC AND ENGINEERING EFFICIENCY

In light of the above, provide a comparison of the economic and engineering efficiency for the applicant and the incumbent distributor to serve the area that is the subject of the SAA application. (NOTE: (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h))

7.2.1 (a)

Location of the point of delivery and the point of connection

Hydro One will service the subject area using its existing Snelgrove DS F5 feeder, which lies along the subject area.

7.2.1 (b)

Proximity of the proposed connection to an existing, well developed electricity distribution system

The proposed new connection lies along Hydro One's existing distribution system off Hurontario Street.

7.2.1 (c)

The fully allocated connection costs for supplying the customer (i.e., individual customers or developers) unless the applicant and the incumbent distributor provide a reason why providing the fully allocated connection costs is unnecessary for the proposed SAA (Note: the Board will determine if the reason provided is acceptable).

Hydro One's total connection costs for 8 lots is approximately \$34,300.

7.2.1 (d)

The amount of any capital contribution required from the customer

The capital contribution for the 8 lots is approximately \$2,100.

7.2.1 (e)

Costs for stranded equipment (i.e., lines, cables, and transformers) that would need to be de-energized or removed

There will be no equipment or assets stranded because of this SAA.

7.2.1 (f)

Information on whether the proposed SAA enhances, or at a minimum does not decrease, the reliability of the infrastructure in the area that is the subject of the SAA application and in regions adjacent to the area that is the subject of the SAA application over the long term

The proposed SAA does not decrease the reliability of the infrastructure in the area.

7.2.1 (g)

Information on whether the proposed infrastructure will provide for cost-efficient expansion if there is growth potential in the area that is the subject of the SAA application and in regions adjacent to the area that is the subject of the SAA application

Hydro One has assets that lie along the property that can meet reasonably expected future growth in a cost-efficient manner.

7.2.1 (h)

Information on whether the proposed infrastructure will provide for cost-efficient improvements and upgrades in the area that is the subject of the SAA application and in regions adjacent to the area that is the subject of the SAA application.

The connection is a lies-along connection that provides service to the Customer utilizing Hydro One's existing 27.6kV feeder and has sufficient capacity to serve the forecast load growth of the area.

7.3 IMPACTS ARISING FROM THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Description of Impacts

7.3.1

Identify any affected customers or landowners.

The Subject Area is vacant land owned by the Customer. As provided at **Attachment 3**, the Customer supports the proposed amendment. There are no other customers affected.

7.3.2

Provide a description of any impacts on costs, rates, service quality, and reliability for customers in the area that is the subject of the SAA application that arise as a result of the proposed SAA. If an assessment of service quality and reliability impacts cannot be provided, explain why.

Approval of this SAA will not result in any negative impacts on cost, rates, service quality, and reliability for customers in the area that is the subject of the SAA application.

7.3.3

Provide a description of any impacts on costs, rates, service quality, and reliability for customers of any distributor outside the area that is the subject of the SAA application that arise as a result of the proposed SAA. If an assessment of service quality and reliability impacts cannot be provided, explain why.

Approval of this SAA will not result in any negative impacts on cost, rates, service quality, and reliability of any distributor outside the area that is the subject of the SAA application.

7.3.4

Provide a description of the impacts on each distributor involved in the proposed SAA. If these impacts have already been described elsewhere in the application, providing cross-references is acceptable.

Approval of this SAA is not expected to have any material impact on either distributor positively or negatively.

7.3.5

Provide a description of any assets which may be stranded or become redundant if the proposed SAA is granted.

The proposed SAA will not result in the stranding of any assets, nor will any assets be made redundant.

7.3.6

Identify any assets that are proposed to be transferred to or from the applicant. If an asset transfer is required, has the relevant application been filed in accordance with section 86 of the Act? If not, indicate when the applicant will be filing the relevant section 86 application.

No assets will be transferred because of the Application.

7.3.7

Identify any customers that are proposed to be transferred to or from the applicant.

Please refer to 7.1.1 (c).

7.3.8

Provide a description of any existing load transfers or retail points of supply that will be eliminated.

There will be no load transfers or retail points of supply eliminated by the Application.

7.3.9

Identify any new load transfers or retail points of supply that will be created as a result of the proposed SAA. If a new load transfer will be created, has the applicant requested leave of the Board in accordance with section 6.5.5 of the Distribution System Code (“DSC”)?

If not, indicate when the applicant will be filing its request for leave under section 6.5.5 of the DSC with the Board. If a new retail point of supply will be created, does the host distributor (i.e., the distributor who provides electricity to an embedded distributor) have an applicable Board approved rate? If not, indicate when the host distributor will be filing an application for the applicable rate.

There will be no new load transfers or retail points of supply created because of the Application.

EVIDENCE OF CONSIDERATION AND MITIGATION OF IMPACTS

7.3.10

Provide written confirmation by the applicant that all affected persons have been provided with specific and factual information about the proposed SAA. As part of the written confirmation, the applicant must include details of any communications or consultations that may have occurred between distributors regarding the proposed SAA.

Hydro One confirms that all affected parties have been provided with specific and factual information about the proposed SAA.

Alectra is not contesting this Application as evident by the support letter provided in **Attachment 4**.

7.3.11

Provide a letter from the incumbent distributor in which the incumbent distributor indicates that it consents to the application.

Please refer to **Attachment 4**.

7.3.12

Provide a written response from all affected customers, developers, and landowners consenting to the application, if applicable.

Please refer to **Attachment 3**.

7.3.13

Provide evidence of attempts to mitigate impacts where customer and/or asset transfers are involved (i.e., customer rate smoothing or mitigation, and compensation for any stranded assets).

Not applicable, as there are no existing customers being transferred as a result of the Application.

7.4 CUSTOMER PREFERENCE

7.4.1

An applicant who brings forward an application where customer choice may be a factor must provide a written statement signed by the customer (which includes landowners and developers) indicating the customer's preference.

Please refer to **Attachment 3**.

7.5 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTESTED APPLICATIONS

If there is no agreement among affected persons regarding the proposed SAA, the applicant must file the additional information set out below.

N/A

7.5.1

If the application was initiated due to an interest in service by a customer, landowner, or developer, evidence that the incumbent distributor was provided an opportunity to make an offer to connect that customer, landowner, or developer.

N/A

7.5.2

Evidence that the customer, landowner, or developer had the opportunity to obtain an offer to connect from the applicant and any alternate distributor bordering on the area that is the subject of the SAA application.

N/A

7.5.3

Actual copies of, as well as a summary of, the offer(s) to connect documentation (including any associated financial evaluations carried out in accordance with Appendix B of the Distribution System Code). The financial evaluations should indicate costs associated with the connection including, but not limited to, on-site capital, capital required to extend the distribution system to the customer location, incremental up-stream capital investment required to serve the load, the present value of incremental OM&A costs and incremental taxes as well as the expected incremental revenue, the amount of revenue shortfall, and the capital contribution requested.

N/A

7.5.4

If there are competing offers to connect, a comparison of the competing offers to connect the customer, landowner, or developer.

N/A

7.5.5

A detailed comparison of the new or upgraded electrical infrastructure necessary for each distributor to serve the area that is the subject of the SAA application, including any specific proposed connections.

N/A

7.5.6

Outage statistics or, if outage statistics are not available, any other information regarding the reliability of the existing line(s) of each distributor that are proposed to supply the area that is the subject of the SAA application.

N/A

7.5.7

Quantitative evidence of quality and reliability of service for each distributor for similar customers in comparable locations and densities to the area that is the subject of the SAA application.

N/A

7.6 OTHER

It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to provide all information that is relevant and that would assist the Board in making a determination in this matter. Failure to provide key information may result in a delay in the processing of the application or in the denial of the application.

N/A

7.7 WRITTEN CONSENT/JOINT AGREEMENT

Hydro One Networks Inc. agrees to all the statements made in the Application.



Joanne Richardson
Director – Major Projects and Partnerships
Hydro One Networks Inc.

Dated: _____ **January 07, 2025** _____

7.8 REQUEST FOR NO HEARING

Does the applicant request that the application be determined by the Board without a hearing? If yes, please provide:

(a) an explanation as to how no person, other than the applicant and the proposed recipient, will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding
AND

(b) the proposed recipient's written consent to the disposal of the application without a hearing.

Hydro One requests the application be determined by the Board without a hearing as no other person will be affected by the Application.

Hydro One has received written support from both Alectra and the Customer to proceed with this application without a hearing.

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

Attachment 1

Map of Subject Area



Attachment 2

Argo Summer Valley Subdivision Plan



KEY PLAN

SCALE: N.T.S.

Attachment 3

Customer Consent

Letter

Hydro One Networks Inc.
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Toronto, ON M5G2P5
Email: Abdul.Hussaini@hydroone.com

Abdul Hussaini
Sr. Network Management Officer (Dx Rationalization)
Dx Investment Planning, Dx Asset Management

Dear Abdul,

Please consider this letter as our intent to have Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") as our service provider for the Argo Summer Valley subdivision located at: 12231, 12213, 12211 Hurontario, Caledon and 12197 Hurontario, Brampton. I am aware that the site we are developing falls partially within Alectra Utilities Corporation ("Alectra") service territory. We understand that Hydro One will need to file an application to the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") to amend the Service Area description to include the entirety of the subject location within Hydro One's service area.

Furthermore, we also request that OEB dispose the Service Area Amendment ("SAA") application without a hearing.

If you require anything related to this development, please contact the undersigned.

Argo Summer Valley Limited

Anil Datt
Development Manager
anil@argoland.com
416-451-2017

Original signed by Anil Datt

Attachment 4

Alectra Consent Letter

BY EMAIL

December 19, 2024

Mr. Abdul Hussaini
Sr. Network Management Officer (Dx Rationalization)
Hydro One Networks Inc.
483 Bay Street, 7th Floor, South Tower
Toronto, ON M5G 2P5
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Dear Mr. Hussaini:

Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. Application for a Service Area Amendment – Alectra Utilities Corporation Consent Letter

This letter confirms the support of Alectra Utilities Corporation (“Alectra”) for a service area amendment application proposed by Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) which would amend Alectra’s Distribution Licence. Hydro One seeks to service the entirety of a proposed subdivision which includes one property inside Alectra’s service territory. The intent of Hydro One’s application is to include the property described below in Hydro One’s service territory and exclude the same property from Alectra’s service territory.

The property that is the subject of this application is located at municipal address 12197 Hurontario Street, Brampton, Ontario, for which the legal property description is PART OF LOT 18 CONCESSION 1 EAST OF HURONTARIO STREET CHINGUACOUSY, PARTS 1 AND 2, PLAN 43R40376 SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 2, PLAN 43R40376 AS IN CH32237 CITY OF BRAMPTON.

Alectra agrees with Hydro One’s wish to service the subject customers and supports this application for a distribution license amendment which would exclude the property identified above from Schedule 1 of Alectra’s Distribution License (ED-2016-0360) in the Brampton Rate Zone.

Alectra supports Hydro One's request to proceed with this service area amendment without a hearing.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Christine E. Long

Christine E. Long
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & Privacy Officer
Alectra Utilities Corporation