

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0330

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

January 9, 2025

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Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 7, 2024, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.'s (Tillsonburg Hydro) service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2003-0026. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Tillsonburg Hydro is authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

The application has been considered by the Delegated Authority without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

HONI requested the amendment in regard to the subject area, which is located within Tillsonburg Hydro's service area, described as:

PART ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN CONCESSIONS 3 AND 4 NTR MIDDLETON E OF BELL MILL SIDEROAD & W OF PORTION 25 ON 431429, PART 1, 41R10451 (CLOSED BY BY-LAW 2022-069 REGISTERED AS CO276796) TOWN OF TILLSONBURG with municipal address 1410 Bell Mill Side Road, Tillsonburg, ON N4G 4G9.

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that HONI may provide electricity distribution services to Saishyam Holdings Ltd., c/o Nachiket Kharad, an individual customer who is the owner of the subject area.

The evidence filed with the application indicates that it is more efficient for HONI to serve the subject area. HONI has explained that it has an existing feeder that runs adjacent to the customer's property, with sufficient capacity to facilitate connection and will utilize the existing 27.6kV Tillsonburg TS M2 feeder to supply the Customer. Tillsonburg Hydro and the customer have confirmed their support of the application through letters of consent filed as part of the application.

The evidence states that no assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. The evidence also shows that the rates of both distributors will be unaffected and there will be no effect on safety, reliability, or service quality.

Based on the evidence, the OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment proposed by HONI. To reflect this amendment, Tillsonburg Hydro's distribution licence ED-2003-0026 will be amended to exclude the identified customer from Schedule 1 of Tillsonburg Hydro's licence. HONI's distribution licence

ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of HONI's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0026, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:
 - 1. The Town of Tillsonburg as of November 7, 1998.
 - Excluding the customers located at the following addresses:

vii. 1410 Bell Mill Side Road, Tillsonburg, ON N4G 4G9

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto January 9, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance