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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0333

FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

January 14, 2025

DECISION AND ORDER

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 11, 2024, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Festival Hydro's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0513. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Festival 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.

Festival Hydro requested the amendment to include the land described as Packham and Wright Industrial Subdivision as Part of Lot 4 Concession 3 and Part of Lot 4 Concession 4 (Geographic Township of Downie), City of Stratford, County of Perth. (the Subject Property).

The proposed service area amendment will allow Festival Hydro to provide electricity distribution services to an industrial subdivision constructed by the City of Stratford on the Subject Property.

Festival Hydro's evidence states the Subject Property lies within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) service area. However, Festival Hydro has electricity infrastructure in close proximity to the Subject Property and through discussions with Hydro One, Festival Hydro has confirmed that its cost to connect the Subject Property is lower than Hydro One's. Hydro One has consented to this service area amendment application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. Festival Hydro also submitted a letter from the City of Stratford, stating its preference that Festival Hydro distribute electricity to the Subject Property.

The evidence states that no assets will be stranded because of the proposed amendment. Further, the rates of both Festival Hydro and Hydro One will be unaffected and there will not be any 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 to Schedule 1 of Festival Hydro's electricity distribution licence to include the Subject Property. Hydro One's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Festival Hydro Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0513, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

23. Packham and Wright Industrial Subdivision as Part of Lot 4 Concession 3 and Part of Lot 4 Concession 4 (Geographic Township of Downie), City of Stratford, County of Perth.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto, January 14, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance