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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0347

SYNERGY NORTH CORPORATION

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

February 20, 2025

DECISION AND ORDER

Synergy North Corporation (Synergy North) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 4, 2024, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Synergy North's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2018-0233. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Synergy North 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.

Synergy North requested the amendment to include the land described as Part Lot 1, Con 3 NKR Paipoonge, Designated as Part 1 PL 55R13878 Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge, Thunder Bay, Ontario (the Subject Property).

The proposed service area amendment will allow Synergy North to provide electricity distribution services to an individual customer on the Subject Property, which is currently located in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) service area.

Synergy North's evidence states that it has electricity infrastructure in close proximity to the Subject Property and through discussions with Hydro One, the distributors have agreed that Synergy North's cost to connect the Subject Property would be lower than Hydro One. Hydro One has consented to the service area amendment application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. Synergy North also submitted a letter from the customer, stating its preference that Synergy North provide distribution service to the Subject Property.

The evidence states that no assets will be stranded because of the proposed amendment. Further, the rates of both Synergy North 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 Synergy North'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. Synergy North's electricity distribution licence ED-2018-0233, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

1. The City of Thunder Bay as of January 1, 1970.

Including the customer located at the following address:

- I. Part Lot 1, Con 3 NKR Paipoonge, Designated as Part 1 PL 55R13878 Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge.
 2. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto, February 20, 2025

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Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance