

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2025-0068

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson

Vice President

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

February 27, 2025

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 13, 2025, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Westario Power Inc.'s (Westario) service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0515. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Westario 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 described below, which is located within Westario's service area:

FIRSTLY: PART LOT 32, CONCESSION 1, NORTH OF DURHAM ROAD, BRANT, PARTS 3 & 4 PLAN 3R10756; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 4 PLAN 3R10756 AS IN R34232; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 4 PLAN 3R10756 AS IN R35700; SECONDLY: PART PARK LOT 48, PLAN 162, PARTS 1 & 2 PLAN 3R10756 SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 2 PLAN 3R10756 AS IN R34232 MUNICIPALITY OF BROCKTON with municipal address 944 Old Durham Road, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0

The proposed service area amendment is necessary in order that HONI may provide electricity distribution services to Walker Hill Development Inc., c/o Himansu Shah, 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 along the customer's property, with sufficient capacity to facilitate connection and will utilize the existing 4.8kV Walkerton DS #2 F2 feeder to supply the customer. Westario 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, Westario's distribution licence ED-2002-0515 will be amended to exclude the identified subject area from Schedule 1 of Westario'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. Westario's electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0515, specifically Schedule 1, section 4 of the licence, is amended to include the following:
 - 4. The Town of Walkerton, part of the Village of Elmwood, and the former Township of Brant, as at January 1, 1986, in the municipality of the Municipality of Brockton,
 - Excluding the following properties:

...iii. Walker Hill Subdivision at 944 Old Durham Road, Walkerton

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto February 27, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance