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# **DECISION AND ORDER**

## **EB-2025-0276**

## **FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.**

**Application for a Service Area Amendment**

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

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**December 18, 2025**

## DECISION AND ORDER

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 22, 2025, 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.

The customer located at 72708 London Rd (Parts 1 and 2 of Lot 5, Concession 1, Township of Huron East) is already connected to Festival Hydro's distribution system. This connection occurred on October 16, 2025, prior to the OEB's approval of the service area amendment. This Decision and Order approves an amendment to Festival Hydro's service area to include this development within its licensed territory.

Festival Hydro explained that this was an expedited request from Enbridge Gas, which initially believed Festival Hydro was the service provider based on the proximity of its infrastructure compared to Hydro One. Enbridge began development before formally requesting electrical service, which subsequently triggered the service area amendment process. Enbridge required electrical service before the onset of cold weather to proceed with its work.

Festival Hydro's evidence indicates that its existing infrastructure along the Subject Area was able to provide the required electrical service with minimal investment. The incumbent distributor, Hydro One, has infrastructure approximately 350 metres away. Hydro One consented to Festival Hydro serving the property, and this Decision formalizes that arrangement.

The evidence states that no assets were 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.

Given that the customer is already receiving service from Festival Hydro, and there are no technical or economic reasons to deny the amendment, the OEB finds it reasonable to approve the service area amendment to reflect the current service arrangement. The granting of this licence is without prejudice to any future compliance action regarding Festival Hydro's connection of a customer outside its licensed service area.

**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:
  24. Parts 1 and 2 of Lot 5, Concession 1, Township of Huron East. Developed as 72708 London Rd.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

**DATED** at Toronto, December 18, 2025

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance