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# DECISION AND ORDER

## EB-2026-0132

### HYDRO ONE REMOTE COMMUNITIES INC.

**Application for an Electricity Distribution Licence  
Amendment**

**BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Ceiran Bishop**  
Director  
Performance Analytics and Compliance

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**April 14, 2026**

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**DECISION AND ORDER**

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (HORCI) filed an application on April 8, 2026, with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) to amend Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence, ED-2003-0037, to include Muskrat Dam First Nation.

This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority pursuant to section 6 of the OEB Act. The Delegated Authority has considered the application without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

As set out in O. Reg. 199/02: Hydro One Inc., made under the Electricity Act, 1998, HORCI requires a service area amendment to its electricity distribution licence to include Muskrat Dam First Nation before it can provide the community with service.<sup>1</sup>

On April 10, 2026, HORCI informed the OEB that Muskrat Dam First Nation has been connected to the Independent Electricity System Operator - controlled grid by way of Wataynikaneyap Power GP as of April 9, 2026. Upon being authorized by the OEB to serve Muskrat Dam First Nation, HORCI will also be able to provide residents of the community with the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection funding, in accordance with O. Reg. 442/01: Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection, made under the OEB Act.<sup>2</sup>

The OEB grants the application to amend HORCI's electricity distribution licence to include the community of Muskrat Dam First Nation within its licensed service area.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1. (2) of O. Reg. 199/02 provides that Hydro One Inc. shall not, directly or through a subsidiary, own or operate generation facilities and distribution systems in and shall not distribute electricity within Muskrat Dam First Nation unless, after the OEB has received an application for a licence amendment from HORCI, the OEB has issued an order amending the licence to include that community within its service area.

<sup>2</sup> Section 2.3.1 of O. Reg. 442/01 provides that once the OEB has issued an order amending HORCI's licence to include Muskrat Dam First Nation within its service area, HORCI will be authorized to provide consumers who occupy residential premises in the community with rate protection under section 79 of the OEB Act, as it is one of the remote communities named in Schedule 3 of the regulation.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0037, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, shall be amended to include Muskrat Dam First Nation.

**DATED** at Toronto April 14, 2026

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Ceiran Bishop  
Director, Performance Analytics and Compliance