

EB-2008-0323

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application pursuant to section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 by Hydro One Networks Inc. seeking an order granting Hydro One Networks Inc. leave to sell distribution system assets to Aumont Renovations Inc.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

On October 9, 2008, Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 for an order granting Hydro One leave to sell certain distribution system assets to Michel Aumont Trailer Park. On December 16, 2008, Hydro One filed supporting documents to correct the name of the trailer park to be Camping Paradis Bourget and the legal name of the owner to be Aumont Renovations Inc. ("ARI").

The assets being sold in this transaction consist of two transformers that are installed on poles owned by ARI. They are located on ARI 's property within the trailer park.

Findings

Hydro One, with ARI's consent, requested that the Board dispose of this matter without a hearing under section 21(4)(b) of the Act. I find, based on the evidence filed in the application, that no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this proceeding. I have therefore disposed of this matter without a hearing.

Section 86(1)(b) of the Act provides that leave of the Board is required before a distributor can "sell, lease or otherwise dispose of that part of its transmission or distribution system that is necessary in serving the public." The assets that are the subject of this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

The applicant states that the assets proposed for sale serve the trailer park only and they are useful to serve ARI's customers in the trailer park on a seasonal/intermittent basis. The applicant further states that there are no environmental issues associated with the transaction. The transaction will not affect the safety, reliability, operational flexibility or economic efficiency of Hydro One or ARI.

The total sale price of \$6,628.64 (plus GST) represents the net book value of the assets. The applicant states that there will be no material impact on Hydro One's ratepayers as a result of this transaction.

Based on the evidence, I find that there are benefits to the proposed transaction, and no negative consequences have been identified. I therefore find that it is in the public interest to grant Hydro One leave to sell the assets described above to ARI.

The approval of this application should in no way be construed as providing the Board's view as to the merits of any future rate proposal related to the assets that are the subject of this decision and order.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell to Aumont Renovations Inc. the assets generally described in the application as two transformers located on the purchaser's property at 4304 Camplain Road, Bourget, ON K0A 1E0.

ISSUED at Toronto, December 19, 2008

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Original signed by

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