



EB-2014-0243

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 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* by
Horizon Utilities Corporation to amend its Electricity
Distribution Licence ED-2006-0031.

By delegation, before: Viive Sawler

DECISION AND ORDER

October 9, 2014

THE APPLICATION

Horizon Utilities Corporation (“Horizon”) filed an application on August 5, 2014, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend Horizon’s licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2006-0031.

This service area amendment is required in order for Horizon to supply electricity and provide electricity distribution services to Summit Park Phase Eight planned residential development in the City of Hamilton, which is currently located within Hydro One Networks Inc.’s (“Hydro One”) licensed service area. These lands are described as:

- Part of Lots 4 and 5, Block 4 of Concession 1 of the Geographic Township of Binbrook, City of Hamilton and known as Summit Park Phase Eight.

FINDINGS

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of Horizon’s electricity distribution licence to include the lands described above. I note that

Hydro One's licence is not required to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented. The following facts are relevant to this decision.

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more economically efficient for Horizon to serve the proposed residential development as it represents a practical and the lowest cost to connect for the customer. Horizon has a 27.6 kV feeder with 10 MVA of capacity immediately adjacent to the subject area. In addition, the point of connection of Summit Park Phase Eight is at the boundaries of Summit Park Phase Six and Phase Seven, already served by Horizon. Horizon will not have to expand its existing distribution infrastructure to supply Summit Park Phase Eight.

Horizon submits that Hydro One's distribution facilities in the area are not sufficient to supply the load for the development and would require additional investment. A letter from Hydro One filed with the application indicates that Hydro One supports Horizon's application for the proposed service area amendment.

No assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. No negative impact on rates, reliability or service quality of Horizon or Hydro One has been identified as a result of the proposed amendment.

The applicant asked, with Hydro One's consent, that the Board decide the application without a hearing. I have done so. The evidence filed with the Board demonstrates that the outcome of the proceeding would not produce an adverse effect on any other existing customers of the distributors, nor on potential customers who may locate in the subdivision.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Horizon Utilities Corporation's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2006-0031), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the lands described as:

- Part of Lots Four (4) and Five (5), Block Four (4) of Concession 1 of the Geographic Township of Binbrook, City of Hamilton and known as Summit Park Phase Eight.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto, October 9, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Viive Sawler
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