



EB-2014-0334

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 Orangeville Hydro Limited for an order to amend its electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0500).

By delegation, before: Peter Fraser

DECISION AND ORDER
November 27, 2014

THE APPLICATION

Orangeville Hydro Limited (“Orangeville”) filed an application on October 28, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend Orangeville’s licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0500).

The service area amendment is required specifically to include certain service area located in the Town of Grand Valley (formerly the Township of East Luther Grand Valley). The land that is the subject of this application is currently vacant farmland that is to be developed by Thomasfield Homes Ltd. The land is adjacent to Orangeville’s service area in the Town of Grand Valley. The subject area currently resides in the service territory of Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”).

The legal description of the subject lot is:

1. Part of Lot 29 and 30, Concession 3, Geographic Township of East Luther, Township of East Luther Grand Valley, Dufferin County.

FINDINGS

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of Orangeville's electricity distribution licence to include the above-noted property. The following facts are relevant to this decision.

The evidence filed with the application demonstrates that it is more efficient for Orangeville to connect the property. To date Orangeville provides service to the adjacent property. Orangeville stated that the subject area is the continuation of the residential subdivision that was the subject matter in the EB-2012-0181 service area amendment proceeding that was approved by the Board in its Decision and Order of October 17, 2012. Orangeville also stated that the proposed service area amendment is consistent with the objective of a rational and efficient service area alignment based on both economic and engineering efficiency. Hydro One and the developer of the land, Thomasfield Homes Ltd., have confirmed their support of the proposed service area amendment.

No assets will be stranded or redundant as a result of the proposed amendment. In addition, no negative impact on costs, rates, safety, reliability or service quality of Orangeville or Hydro One has been identified that would result from the proposed amendment.

The applicant requested that the Board decide the application without a hearing. I have done so. The evidence filed with the Board demonstrated that the amendment will not produce any adverse effects on the existing customers of the distributors.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Orangeville Hydro Limited's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0500), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

1. Part of Lots 29 and 30, Concession 3, Geographic Township of East Luther, Township of East Luther Grand Valley, Dufferin County.

No amendment is necessary to Hydro One Network Inc.'s licence.

DATED at Toronto, November 27, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter Fraser
Vice President, Industry Operations & Performance