



EB-2014-0331

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 Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. to amend its Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2003-0030.

By delegation, before: Peter Fraser

DECISION AND ORDER

December 11, 2014

THE APPLICATION

Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. ("Kenora Hydro") filed an application on October 24, 2014, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board to amend Kenora Hydro's licensed service area in Schedule 1 of its electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0030.

This service area amendment is required in order for Kenora Hydro to supply electricity and provide electricity distribution services to one new residential dwelling. The private parcel of land upon which the new residential dwelling has been constructed is currently located in the licensed service area of Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One"). The subject land is described as Plan M28 PT BLK D, RP 23R10703, Part 1 Parcel 29790 in the City of Kenora (the "property").

FINDINGS

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of

Kenora Hydro'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 Kenora Hydro to serve the new residential dwelling on the property. The property is contiguous to Kenora Hydro's existing distribution service area. Kenora Hydro submits that it has existing distribution circuit that runs parallel to the property and it only requires the replacement of one pole for increased height, and the installation of one transformer to connect the customer. Hydro One also has distribution infrastructure in the immediate area, however Hydro One has to upgrade the existing line and provide submarine cable through a marsh due to the neighbour's refusal to provide an easement across his property to run the line required to make a connection. As a result the customer has to pay significantly higher costs to connect to Hydro One's distribution system. Service from Kenora Hydro is therefore practical and involves the lower cost to connect for the customer.

Hydro One supports the proposed service area amendment. A letter from the customer was filed with the application and this letter indicates that the customer prefers a connection to the Kenora Hydro distribution system.

The subject property has no existing customers of either distributor in the proposed amendment area. No assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. In addition, no negative impact on rates, safety, reliability or service quality of Kenora Hydro or Hydro One has been identified as a result of the proposed amendment.

The applicant requested, with Hydro One's consent, that the Board decide the application without a hearing. I have done so. All affected parties consented to the application as filed. The evidence filed with the Board demonstrated that the outcome of the proceeding would not produce any adverse effects on the existing customers of the distributors.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.'s Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0030), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the

lands described as Plan M28 PT BLK D, RP 23R10703, Part 1 PCL 29790 in the City of Kenora. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto, December 11, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter Fraser
Vice President, Industry Operations and Performance