



**EB-2011-0321**

**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 Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. seeking an order to amend the current Electricity Distribution Licences of Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. (ED-2002-0574 and ED-2003-0043 respectively).

**By delegation, before:** Jennifer Lea

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

### **THE APPLICATION**

Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. (“Cambridge”) with the consent of Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on August 25, 2011 under sections 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

The application addresses the long term load transfer (“LTLT”) arrangement between Cambridge and Hydro One. A load transfer is a situation in which a customer is located in the licensed service area of one distributor (the “geographic distributor”) but is physically served electricity by another distributor (the “physical distributor”).

Section 6.5.4 of the Board’s Distribution System Code requires geographic distributors to eliminate LTLT arrangements by either negotiating the transfer of the customers to the physical distributor or by the geographic distributor extending its distribution system to connect the customers.

The application seeks an order of the Board to amend the distribution service areas of Cambridge and Hydro One to reflect the transfer of one customer from Hydro One to Cambridge. The customer is currently located within Hydro One's licensed service area and is a customer of Hydro One, but is physically served electricity by Cambridge under the LTLT agreement between the two distributors. If the proposed amendment is approved, this customer will be billed and otherwise served by Cambridge as a Cambridge customer. The customer is located on the west side of Trussler Road, Lot 1, Concession 11 in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

## **THE PROCEEDING**

The Board assigned file number EB-2011-0321 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on September 27, 2011. The Notice was served upon the customer proposed to be transferred to Cambridge from Hydro One and posted on the applicant's and Hydro One's websites. The customer did not respond to the Notice.

## **FINDINGS**

The service area amendment was prompted by the applicant's plans to rebuild and replace a section of existing distribution line on the boundary between the Township of North Dumfries and Township of Blandford-Blenheim and also by the Board's policy requiring the elimination of long term load transfers.

The applicant stated that the proposed service area amendment is the most cost-efficient approach for eliminating the subject LTLT arrangement. In addition, the evidence indicates that the customer being transferred from Hydro One to Cambridge will experience a decrease of 32% on the total monthly electricity bill, based on an average consumption of 1,000 kWh per month. The applicant also stated that infrastructure reliability will improve in the area as a result of the service line rebuild involved in the proposed service area amendment.

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to amend Schedule 1 of both Cambridge and Hydro One's electricity distribution licences to reflect the transfer of the subject customer from Hydro One to Cambridge as requested by the applicant.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc.'s electricity distribution licence (ED-2002-0574), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the customer located at 4045 Trussler Road in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, County of Oxford.
2. Hydro One Network Inc.'s electricity distribution licence (ED-2003-0043), specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to exclude the customer located at 4045 Trussler Road in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, County of Oxford.

**DATED** at Toronto, November 09, 2011

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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