



EB-2015-0130

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

Application by Veridian Connections Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. for Licence Amendments and Sale of Distribution Assets

The Application

Veridian Connections Inc. (“Veridian”) and Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) have filed a joint application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “OEB”) under sections 74 and 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the “Act”) for an order of the OEB:

- amending the applicants' distribution service areas to reflect the transfer of 41 customers from Hydro One to Veridian; and
- approving the sale of distribution assets necessary in serving the public from Hydro One to Veridian.

The application will be decided by an employee of the OEB who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the Act. The OEB does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding the application.

Section 6.5.4 of the Distribution System Code

Section 6.5.4 of the Distribution System Code (the “DSC”) deals with long term load transfer (“LTLT”) arrangements. 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 DSC requires geographic distributors to eliminate their LTLT arrangements. This can be accomplished by either negotiating the transfer of the customers to the physical distributor or by the geographic distributor extending its system to connect the customers.

Service Area Amendments

According to the application, the service area amendments are being sought in order to eliminate the LTLT arrangements between Veridian and Hydro One through the transfer of the customers to the physical distributor. The applicants state that the service area amendment is the most cost efficient approach to eliminate this existing LTLT arrangement.

The customers proposed to be transferred to Veridian are currently located within Hydro One's service area but physically supplied by Veridian. Presently, the customers are considered Hydro One customers and charged Hydro One's rates. The proposed amendment, if granted, will result in 41 customers becoming customers of Veridian and being subject to Veridian's distribution rates which are lower than Hydro One's distribution rates according to the application. The customers' properties are located along Cedar Crest Beach Road in the Township of Clarington.

Sale of Distribution Assets

Hydro One is seeking approval to sell part of its distribution system that is useful in serving the public to Veridian. Veridian will purchase these assets from Hydro One for net book value. The assets will continue to be used to serve the same customers presently served by the assets.

How to See Veridian and Hydro One's Pre-filed Evidence

To see a copy of the application, go to the Consumer page of the OEB's website and enter the case number EB-2015-0130 in the "Find an Application" box. A copy can also be seen at the OEB's office and at Hydro One and Veridian's offices at the addresses indicated below.

Oral vs. Written Hearings

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why. Your submission must be received by the OEB and copied to the applicants by **April 27, 2015**.

How to Participate

If you wish to participate in the written hearing, you may file a written submission setting out your views on the application. Your submission must be received by the OEB and copied to Veridian and Hydro One by **May 1, 2015**.

If the applicants wish to respond to the submission(s), such response must be filed with the OEB and copied to any party who made a submission by **May 8, 2015**.

All written submissions sent to the OEB will be placed on the public record, which means that the written submissions will be available for viewing at the OEB's offices and will be placed on the OEB's website. If the written submission is from a private citizen then, before placing the written submission on the public record, the OEB will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the written submission (e.g., the address, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the written submission will become part of the public record.

How to File Documents with the OEB

All written submissions filed with the OEB must quote file number **EB-2015-0130** and clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and email address. You must forward two paper copies and, if possible, an electronic copy in Word format and in searchable PDF format, of your written submission to the OEB and one copy to the applicant. All written submissions should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

For more information on how to participate please click on "Get Involved" under the "OEB and You" menu on the Consumer page of the OEB's website www.ontarioenergyboard.ca. If you do not have internet access, please call 1-877-632-2727 (toll free) to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

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