



Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2015-0289

LONDON HYDRO INC.

**Application for Amendment to Electricity Distribution
Licence ED-2002-0557**

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: **Peter Fraser**
Vice President,
Industry Operations & Performance

December 22, 2015

London Hydro Inc. (London Hydro) filed an application on October 27, 2015 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) for an order of the OEB granting London Hydro an amendment to its electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0557. Specifically, London Hydro is seeking OEB's approval to continue the temporary exemption from section 5.1.3 a) of the Distribution System Code (DSC) to December 31, 2016.

I have considered the application without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the Act.

On December 18, 2014, the OEB issued a Decision and Order in the EB-2014-0292 proceeding in which London Hydro's licence was amended, exempting London Hydro from section 5.1.3 a) of the Distribution System Code (DSC) until December 31, 2015. London Hydro was allowed to continue installing legacy pulse meters for the customers whose monthly average peak demand was greater than 50 kW but less than 200 kW. London Hydro expected the manufacturer developing data management system to test and install smart meter communication system by the end of 2015.

London Hydro is requesting this extension as it is not able to meet the December 31, 2015 deadline due to the issues with the originally chosen cellular solution. As stated in the application, London Hydro is prudently looking at other options for a long-term low-cost cellular solution for the above mentioned group of customers. London Hydro is expecting to be fully compliant with requirements set out in section 5.1.3 a) of the DSC by December 31, 2016.

I find that the reasons provided by London Hydro are sufficient to support the applicant's request to continue the temporary exemption from the requirements set out in section 5.1.3.a) of the DSC to December 31, 2016. After considering the application, I find it to be in the public interest to grant the requested amendment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. London Hydro Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0557), specifically Schedule 3 of the licence, is amended to reflect an exemption from the requirement of section 5.1.3.a) of the Distribution System Code. This exemption will expire on December 31, 2016.

DATED at Toronto, December 22, 2015

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Original signed by

Peter Fraser
Vice President, Industry Operations & Performance