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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0248

FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Tracy Garner
Manager
Transmission Policy & Compliance

September 19, 2024

DECISION AND ORDER

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 7, 2024, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to Festival Hydro's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0513. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Festival Hydro is authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

The application has been considered by the Delegated Authority without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

Festival Hydro requested the amendment to include the land described as Part of Lot 41, Concession 1, City of Stratford, County of Perth. Developed as Avon Park – 3025 Ontario Street (Subject Property).

The proposed service area amendment will allow Festival Hydro to provide electricity distribution services to the residential homes constructed by Cachet Developments on the Subject Property, which is currently located in Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) service area.

Festival Hydro's evidence states that both Festival Hydro and Hydro One have electricity infrastructure in proximity to the Subject Property but, through discussions with Hydro One, Festival Hydro has confirmed that Festival Hydro's cost to connect the Subject Property is lower than Hydro One's. Hydro One has consented to this service area amendment application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. Festival Hydro also submitted a letter from the customer, Cachet Developments, stating its preference that Festival Hydro distribute electricity to the Subject Property.

The evidence states that no assets will be stranded because of the proposed amendment. Further, the rates of both Festival Hydro and Hydro One will be unaffected and there will not be any effect on safety, reliability, or service quality.

Based on the evidence, the OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment to Schedule 1 of Festival Hydro's electricity distribution licence to include the Subject Property. Hydro One's distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Festival Hydro Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2002-0513, specifically Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended to include the following:

Part of Lot 41, Concession 1, City of Stratford, County of Perth. Developed as Avon Park – 3025 Ontario Street

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto, September 19, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Tracy Garner
Manager, Transmission Policy & Compliance