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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2024-0228**

### **HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**

**Application for a Service Area Amendment**

**BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson**  
Vice President  
Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

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**September 24, 2024**

## DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) filed a service area amendment application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 11, 2024, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act).

In its application, HONI has stated that the proposed service area amendment will allow HONI to provide electricity distribution services to the residential properties to be developed (Smooth Run Phase 1 and Phase 2 development) by Smooth Run Development Inc. (the Customer) in Newcastle, Ontario. The legal description of the land of this development is “Part Lots 27 & 28 Concession 2 Clarke, Parts 1, 2 & 3, 40R25837; save and except part 4, 40R31380 and parts 1, 2 & 3, 40R31380; subject to an easement as in DR615691; Municipality of Clarington” (subject area).

HONI has stated that a portion of the subject area is located in Elexicon Energy Inc.’s (Elexicon) service area. Also, HONI has stated that its electricity distribution licence (ED-2003-0043) does not need to be amended, however, HONI and Elexicon (in its consent letter of the service area amendment application) have requested for the below listed amendments to Elexicon’s electricity distribution licence ED-2019-0128, upon the OEB’s approval of this service area amendment application:

- (a) To amend page 18 and 19 of Appendix B, Schedule 1 (Definition of Distribution Service Area of Elexicon Energy Inc. – Veridian Connections Rate Zone), CLARINGTON – NEWCASTLE SERVICE AREA, as set out in “Attachment 1” of this Decision and Order.
- (b) To amend the text on page 36 of Appendix B Schedule 1 (Definition of Distribution Service Area of Elexicon Energy Inc. – Veridian Connections Rate Zone), from “Clarington – Newcastle Veridian Connection’s Rate Zone Service Area” to “Clarington – Newcastle Veridian Connection’s Rate Zone Service Area, excluding Reference Points 8, 9, 10, 11.”
- (c) To amend page 36 of Appendix B, Schedule 1 (Definition of Distribution Service Area of Elexicon Energy Inc. – Veridian Connections Rate Zone) to append the proposed map of service area, referenced in “Attachment 2” of this Decision and Order, to the existing map of service area for the purpose of locating “Reference Points 8, 9, 10, 11.”

HONI's evidence states that its electricity infrastructure has sufficient capacity, and its connection points are in close proximity to the subject property. Further, HONI's evidence states Elexicon's distribution assets will require further expansion to connect and accommodate the Customer's electricity supply request for the subject area.

Elexicon has consented to this service area amendment application through a consent letter filed as part of the application. HONI has also submitted a request from the customer for HONI to distribute electricity to the subject area.

The evidence filed by HONI states that no assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment. Further, the rates of both HONI and Elexicon will be unaffected and there will not be any effect on safety, reliability, or service quality. Also, HONI and Elexicon have identified some legacy customers (the Legacy Customers), adjacent to the subject area, that are currently serviced and will continue to be served by Elexicon but are within the identified service area amendment.

Based on the evidence, the OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment request from HONI and approves the necessary amendments to Elexicon's electricity distribution licence ED-2019-0128. Specifically, the OEB is making the following amendments, as described above, to Appendix B, Schedule 1, Definition of Distribution Service Area of Elexicon Energy Inc. – Veridian Connections Rate Zone of Elexicon's licence. For clarity, these amendments also identify the Legacy Customers that continue to be served by Elexicon. HONI's electricity distribution licence ED-2003-0043 does not need to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of HONI's licence is presented.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Elexicon Energy Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2019-0128, specifically page 18 and 19 of Appendix B, Schedule 1 (Definition of Distribution Service Area of Elexicon Energy Inc. – Veridian Connections Rate Zone), CLARINGTON – NEWCASTLE SERVICE AREA, are amended as set out in "Attachment 1" of this Decision and Order.
2. Elexicon Energy Inc.'s electricity distribution licence ED-2019-0128, specifically the text on page 36 of Appendix B, Schedule 1 (Definition of Distribution Service Area of Elexicon Energy Inc. – Veridian Connections Rate Zone) is amended from "Clarington – Newcastle Veridian Connection's Rate Zone Service Area" to

“Clarington – Newcastle Veridian Connection’s Rate Zone Service Area, excluding Reference Points 8, 9, 10, 11.”

3. Elexicon Energy Inc.’s electricity distribution licence ED-2019-0128, specifically page 36 of Appendix B, Schedule 1 (Definition of Distribution Service Area of Elexicon Energy Inc. – Veridian Connections Rate Zone) is amended to append the map of service area, referenced in “Attachment 2” of this Decision and Order, to the existing map of service area.

The amended electricity distribution licence ED-2019-0128 of Elexicon Energy Inc. is attached to this Decision and Order.

**DATED** at Toronto September 24, 2024

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Attachment 1

- 6. Point # 6 is located 0.09 km west of North Street on the south side of the railway. The boundary turns north to point # 7, parallel to North Street.
- 7. Point # 7 is located 0.3 km north of point # 6 and 0.09 km west of North Street. The boundary turns east to point # 8.
- 8. Point # 8 is located to the east of North Street and is located north of Point # 9. The boundary runs between Points #8 and #9 and is parallel to North Street.
- 9. Point # 9 on the west side of North Street along the southern edge of the railway line. The boundary is parallel to the railway line to Point # 10.
- 10. Point #10 is located along the southern edge of the railway line at the west edge of Arthur St. The boundary follows the property boundaries of Point 10A and follows north along Arthur Street to Point #11. Point 10A is an excursion and is included in the Veridian Connections Rate Zone Service Area.

<u>Point No.</u>	<u>Municipal Address</u>	<u>Pin #</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
<u>10A</u>	<u>220 Arthur St</u>	<u>28853-0020</u> <u>LT</u>	<u>Pt Lt 27 Con 2 Clarke (Newcastle)</u> <u>As In D504907; Clarington</u>

- 11. Point # 11 is located north of Point # 10 and is on the west edge of Arthur Street. The boundary crosses Arthur Street to Point #12.
- 12. Point # 12 is located to the east of Arthur Street and above Point # 13. The boundary is parallel to Arthur Street to Point # 13.
- 13. Point # 13 is located to the right of Arthur Street immediately below the railway line. The boundary is parallel to the railway to point # 14

Notwithstanding the above alpha-numeric point numbers that refer to the reference map provided on page 36 of this of this document for the CLARINGTON – NEWCASTLE SERVICE AREA, the Licensee is authorized to distribute and sell electricity to customers located at the following addresses:

<u>Municipal Address</u>
<u>582 North St, Newcastle Ontario, L1B 1L9</u>
<u>598 North St, Newcastle Ontario, L1B 1L9</u>
<u>618 North St, Newcastle Ontario, L1B 1L9</u>
<u>656 North St, Newcastle Ontario, L1B 1L9</u>
<u>680 North St, Newcastle Ontario, L1B 1L9</u>
<u>481 Arthur St., Newcastle Ontario, L1B 1L8</u>

### Attachment 2

