



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2018-0211

VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

September 13, 2018

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INTRODUCTION

Veridian Connections Inc. (Veridian) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) dated June 20, 2018, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an order amending Veridian's service area as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0503. Schedule 1 of the licence sets out the service area within which Veridian is authorized to provide electricity distribution services.

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

THE APPLICATION

The proposed amendment would include lands owned by Marydel Homes (Beaverton) Inc., in the Township of Thorah and the Township of Brock, both in the Regional Municipality of Durham within Veridian's licensed service area. The land described in the application is to be developed into a proposed residential subdivision consisting of two hundred and eighty-seven (287) residential units. The land is currently located within the licensed service area of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One).

Veridian stated in the application that it is more economically and technically efficient for it to connect the development as Veridian represents the lowest cost of connection, at an estimated cost of approximately \$ 860,000, and that the development is adjacent to Veridian' existing electricity distribution system. Veridian also stated that it has sufficient existing capacity to serve the proposed development through its main F4 distribution feeder, while Hydro One would need to expand approximately 310 meters its three-phase power circuit, in order to serve the proposed development.

Veridian submitted that no distribution assets will be stranded as a result of the proposed amendment and further submitted that there would be no negative impact on rates, reliability or service quality of Veridian or Hydro One as a result of the proposed amendment.

Hydro One confirmed its support of the application in the consent letter filed as part of the application. In addition, the developer, Marydel Homes (Beaverton) Inc., indicated by a letter filed with the application, that it prefers Veridian to be its electrical service provider.

FINDINGS

After considering the application, the OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment proposed by Veridian. The proposed amendment is consistent with the OEB's policy regarding service area amendments. The OEB also finds that 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:

Veridian Connections Inc.'s electricity distribution licence, ED-2002-0503, is amended to include the following to Schedule 1:

Part of Lots 13 & 14, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Thorah. Lots 19, 20, 21, 23 to 27, both inclusive and Block B (1st Reserve). Part of Lots 22, 28, 29. Part of Pollock Avenue. Plan M-1020 Township of Brock, Regional Municipality of Durham.

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto September 13, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance