



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

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## DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2018-0262

## VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

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

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October 25, 2018

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### INTRODUCTION

Veridian Connections Inc. (Veridian) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) dated August 24, 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 a land in the Regional Municipality of Durham, owned by Toyota Canada Inc. (Toyota), within Veridian's licensed service area. The land described in the application is to be developed into a General Service customer. 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 the development is adjacent to Veridian's sub-transmission system and hence Veridian represents the lowest cost of connection. Veridian also stated that it has sufficient existing capacity to serve the proposed development through its main 44 kV sub-transmission feeder, while Hydro One would need to expand its three-phase power circuit for approximately 830 meters further in length than Veridian, in order to serve the proposed development.

Veridian also stated in the application that the proposed connection is being determined through consultations with the customer and their consultant and contractor and has not yet been finalized. Veridian also stated that the fully allocated connections costs will be finalized as soon as the customer makes a decision on the final location of the proposed connection point for their required power supply within their site.

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, Toyota, 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:

Parts 7 and Parts 13 to 19 inclusive Registered Plan 40 R-29836 Municipality of Clarington Regional Municipality of Durham.

Topographic Plan of Lots 29 to 60 and Part of 35' wide unnamed street Registered Plan H-50071 (Geographic Township of Darlington) Now in the Municipality of Clarington Regional Municipality of Durham

The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

**DATED** at Toronto October 25, 2018

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance