

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF applications by Centre Wellington Hydro, Veridian Connections Inc., EnWin Powerlines Ltd., Eire Thames Powerlines Corp., Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc., Essex Powerlines Corp., Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. pursuant to subsection 74(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to amend Schedule 1 of their Transitional Distribution Licences.

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Response to Hydro One Networks Inc. Interrogatory
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Request

Under the heading “Service Area Amendments”, FortisOntario recommends that overlapping service areas should be permitted on the basis of “potential rather than actual developments”. What is the definition, legal or otherwise, of a “potential development” on which the Board could be satisfied of the need for a service territory amendment? In addition, at what point does a “potential development” become an “actual development”?

Response

- (a) A “potential development” should be defined as broadly as possible. FortisOntario would define potential development as the area defined by the LDC wishing to expand its service area that could be the subject of development and that could reasonably be serviced by the LDC. The intent of the broad definition is to minimize the number of service area amendment applications to the Board.
- (b) As no one can accurately predict when and where developments will actually occur, the broad service area amendment will allow the LDC’s to be prepared should they occur. It is only when the development occurs and an electricity connection is requested that it becomes an “actual development”.