ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO ALL ONTARIO ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS

Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP applied to increase the amount it charges to transmit electricity in Ontario.

Learn more. Have your say.

Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase the cost of using its transmission system. If the application is approved it would have minimal impact on the monthly cost of electricity for an average residential customer.

Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP proposes to adjust the amount it will recover from electricity consumers by a revenue cap index consisting of inflation of 1.2%, adjusted by productivity and stretch factors of 0%. Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP has submitted a Total Factor Productivity study and a Total Cost Benchmarking study in support of the components of the proposed revenue cap index framework. Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP proposes to apply the revenue cap index framework to determine rates annually for the years 2019 to 2026.

The Ontario Energy Board's decision on this application will have an effect on all electricity consumers in Ontario. The cost of transmission is reflected in the delivery charges included on bills.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Hydro One SSM. During the hearing, we will question Hydro One SSM on its case for a rate increase. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent Hydro One SSM's customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate increase will be allowed.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review Hydro One SSM's application on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **September 20, 2018** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

The OEB intends to consider cost awards in this proceeding that are in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards.*

LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Hydro One SSM's transmission services. They make up part of the Delivery line - one of the three line items on your bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2018-0218**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2018-0218** on the OEB website: <u>www.oeb.ca/participate</u>. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Hydro One SSM has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **September 20, 2018**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B).

