

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO ONTARIO ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS

Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied for an order to establish a new account to track expenses related to the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project

Learn more. Have your say.

Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for an order to establish a new deferral account called “North West Bulk Transmission Line Deferral Account” starting October 1, 2014. The account would be used to record expenses related to the North West Bulk Transmission Line Project. The types of expenses intended to be tracked in this new account are preliminary engineering, costing, public engagement, environmental assessment preparation and other work associated with this project.

These costs are not included in Hydro One Transmission’s current 2014 rates or its proposed rates for 2015-16.

Hydro One does not intend to apply to recover any of the costs booked into this proposed account from customers at this point. The costs tracked in this account would only be recovered from customers if, in a future hearing, the Board determined that they were prudently incurred.

If the costs that are tracked in the proposed account are approved for recovery from customers in a future hearing, this would have an effect on all electricity consumers in Ontario, who pay for electricity transmission.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One’s request. We will question the company on its case for establishing these accounts. We will hear arguments from individuals, from groups that represent transmission customers and other interested parties. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide if these proposed accounts should be approved.

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’s application on the OEB’s website now.
- file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **November 27, 2014** 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, review the OEB’s decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

This application could affect the delivery component of your bill. Delivery is separate from other components of the bill such as charges for the electricity itself or other regulatory charges.

Our file number for this case is **EB-2014-0311**. 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 select the file number **EB-2014-0311** from the list at the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone the OEB’s 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. The OEB has not yet determined whether it will hold an oral or written hearing in this case. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **November 27, 2014**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment your name and the content of your letter or the documents you file with the OEB 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).

