

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. & ORILLIA POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION

**Hydro One Inc. has applied for approval to purchase Orillia Power Distribution Corporation.
Learn more. Have your say.**

Hydro One Inc., the owner of Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to purchase all of the shares of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation for \$41.3 million, consisting of a cash payment of \$26.4 million and the assumption of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation's \$14.9 million debt. Hydro One Inc. says that ratepayers will not pay the transaction costs and premium for this purchase and that the rates for the customers of Hydro One Networks Inc. and Orillia Power Distribution Corporation will remain separate until 2027.

As part of this purchase, Orillia Power Distribution Corporation is asking for approval for:

- (a) A one percent reduction in its 2016 electricity distribution rates until 2022
- (b) Transfer of its distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc.
- (c) Transfer of its rate order to Hydro One Networks Inc.
- (d) Cancellation of its electricity distribution licence, after the transfer of the distribution system is completed.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is requesting that its electricity distribution licence be amended, authorizing it to serve Orillia Power Distribution Corporation's customers.

For a full list of the approvals requested, please carefully review the application which is posted on the Ontario Energy Board's website.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the share purchase application and the related approval requests filed by Hydro One Inc., Orillia Power Distribution Corporation, and Hydro One Networks Inc. We will question the companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of both Hydro One Networks Inc. and Orillia Power Distribution Corporation. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

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 the application filed by Hydro One Inc. 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 **November 21, 2016** 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.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2016-0276**. 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-2016-0276** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. 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. The OEB will determine later in the process whether to hold an oral or a written hearing in this case. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **November 21, 2016**.

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 hearing will be held under sections 18, 74, 77(5), 78, 86(1)(a) and 86(2)(b), of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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