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



EB-2012-0031

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

CHANGE TO ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION REVENUE REQUIREMENT AND RATES

Hydro One Networks Inc.

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on May 28, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B). Hydro One is seeking approval for changes to its 2013 and 2014 transmission revenue requirement and for approval for changes to the provincial uniform transmission rates charged for electricity transmission to be effective January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014. The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2012-0031.

Hydro One has also included its Transmission Green Energy Plan as part of this application.

Hydro One is seeking approval of \$1,464 million as the 2013 revenue it requires to provide electricity transmission and \$1,557 million as the 2014 revenue it requires to provide electricity transmission. This compares with the Board approved level of \$1,418 million for 2012. Hydro One indicates that if the application is approved as filed, the resulting increase in the Hydro One Transmission Revenue Requirement will be 3.2% in 2013 and 6.4% in 2014 which is estimated to make no change to total customer bills in 2013 and 0.7% increase in total customer bills in 2014.

For a residential customer consuming 800 kWh per month, the estimated increase on the customer's total monthly bill is \$0.05 in 2013 and \$0.80 in 2014. The actual impact on a customer's bill will vary depending on the customer's specific actual monthly kWh usage.

The Board's decision on this application will have an effect on all electricity consumers in Ontario. Any change to the uniform transmission rates will cause the rates charged to consumers through their local distribution companies to change. Retail transmission charges (which are determined by the uniform transmission rates) are part of the delivery line that is one of the four regular items that appear on all Residential and General Service electricity bills. This change to the delivery component of the bill is separate from other potential changes to electricity bills, which could include changes to the "electricity" component charges, changes to distribution charges and changes to other charges included on the bill. This application deals only with the potential increase to the delivery component of the bill that may result from an increase in the uniform transmission rates.

For additional information on billing items visit the Consumer page of the Board's website at <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>.

The Board will proceed with this application by way of an oral hearing.

How to see Hydro One Networks Inc.'s Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>, at Hydro One Networks Inc.'s website <u>www.HydroOne.com</u> and at the following Hydro One Networks Inc. offices:

Head Office, 8th Floor, South Tower, 483 Bay Street, Toronto
Barrie Field Business Centre, 45 Sarjeant Drive, Barrie
Peterborough Field Business Centre, 913 Crawford Drive, Peterborough
Sudbury Field Business Centre, 957 Falconbridge Road, Sudbury
Merivale Service Centre, 31 Woodfield Drive, Ottawa
Dundas Field Business Centre, 40 Olympic Drive, Dundas
Beachville Field Business Centre, 56 Embro Street, Beachville
Thunder Bay Field Business Centre, 255 Burwood Road, Thunder Bay

How to Participate

Comment

If you wish to give your opinion on the proceeding to the Board Members hearing the application, you are invited to send a written letter of comment to the Board no later

than **30 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Hearing Panel.

Observe

If you do not wish to actively participate in the proceeding but you do wish to receive documents issued by the Board, you may request observer status. Your written request must be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice.

Personal Information in Letters of Comment and Observer Requests

All letters of comment or letters requesting observer status will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters can be seen at the Board's office and will be available on the Board's website. Before placing the letters on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e. not business) contact information from the letters (i.e. the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter will become part of the public record. Please address your letter to the Board Secretary at the address below, and reference file number **EB-2012-0031** at the top of your letter.

Intervene

If you wish to actively participate in the proceeding (e.g., submit questions, file argument), you may request intervenor status from the Board no later than **10 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. Instructions for requesting intervenor status are available on the Board's website at <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate</u>. Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which can be seen at the Board's office and will be available on the Board's website.

If you do not have internet access, please call 1-888-632-2727 to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THE PROCEEDING.

Addresses

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Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (toll free) Fax: 416-440-7656

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