



EB-2010-0112

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR AN
ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE**

Renfrew Hydro Inc.

Renfrew Hydro Inc. (“Renfrew”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on February 7, 2011 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Renfrew charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011. The application was filed under the Board’s guidelines for 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation, which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates between cost of service applications. The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2010-0112. The Board’s decision on this application may have an effect on all of Renfrew’s customers.

Any change to Renfrew’s distribution rates will cause Renfrew’s delivery charges to change. Delivery charges are one of four regular items on residential and general service customers’ electric bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed.

Renfrew indicates that if the application is approved as filed, residential customers consuming 800 kWh per month would experience an approximate 4.7% decrease in their current delivery charges. This is a \$1.73 per month decrease on their total bill. General Service customers consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of less than 50 kW would experience an approximate 4.4% decrease in their current delivery charges. This is a \$3.31 per month decrease on their total bill.

The proposed changes to the delivery component of the bill are separate from other potential changes to the electricity bills, which could include changes to the electricity component and other charges included on the bill. This application deals only with the

potential change in the delivery component of the bill that may result from changes in the delivery rates.

How to see Renfrew's Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry , and at Renfrew's office and may be on its website.

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of two ways:

1. Become an Intervenor

You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Intervenor status is eligible to receive evidence and other material submitted by participants in the hearing. Likewise, intervenors will be expected to send copies of any material they file to all parties to the hearing.

Your request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **March 18, 2011**. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may order costs in this proceeding only in relation to Renfrew's proposal for revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs.

You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to Renfrew.

Note that as an intervenor, everything you file with the Board will be placed on the public record, including your name and contact information. This means that it will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website and available to anyone with internet access.

The Board intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing. If you object to the Board proceeding in this fashion, your letter of intervention must state the type of proceeding you believe to be necessary and the reasons why.

Interrogatories and Submissions

Board-approved intervenors or Board staff wishing information and material from Renfrew that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board and that is relevant to the hearing shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Renfrew on or before **March 31, 2011**. Renfrew shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all intervenors no later than **April 13, 2011**.

Written submissions by an intervenor or Board staff must be filed with the Board, and copied to all other parties, by **April 27, 2011**. If Renfrew wishes to respond to the submissions, its written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all other parties by **May 11, 2011**.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca Additionally, two paper copies are required.

If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board's website under e-filings and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry, e-Filing Services.

The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

1. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

If you wish to comment on the proceeding without becoming an intervenor, you may submit a letter of comment to the Board Secretary.

All letters of comment sent to the Board will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

Before placing the letter of comment on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment (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 of comment will become part of the public record.

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.

Your letter of comment must be received by the Board no later than **March 18, 2011**. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this notice, please reference Board file number EB-2010-0112 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING A LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

Addresses

The Board:

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27th Floor
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Toronto ON M4P 1E4
Attention: Board Secretary
Filings:
<https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca>

E-mail: boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca
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The Applicant:

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DATED at Toronto, **February 23, 2011**

Counsel for the Applicant:

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Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary