

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ERIE THAMES POWERLINES CORPORATION AND WEST COAST HURON ENERGY INC.

**Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation and West Coast Huron Energy Inc. have applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to amalgamate and continue operations as a single electricity distribution company**

**Learn more. Have your say.**

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation (owned by EARTH Corporation), has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to acquire all of the shares of West Coast Huron Energy Inc., which is owned by the Town of Goderich. In return, the Town of Goderich will receive shares in EARTH Corporation. The applicants are also seeking approval to transfer the distribution licence and rate orders of West Coast Huron Energy Inc. to Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation and to amend the distribution licence of Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation to include the service territory of West Coast Huron Energy Inc.

**The applicants say that ratepayers will not pay for the transaction costs and that distribution rates for both utilities will remain separate for nine years following consolidation.**

## **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation and West Coast Huron Energy Inc. We will question both companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of both Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation and West Coast Huron Energy Inc. 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 Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation and West Coast Huron Energy 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 **May 7, 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, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

## **LEARN MORE**

Our file number for this case is **EB-2018-0082**. 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-2018-0082 from the list** on the OEB website: [www.oeb.ca/notice](http://www.oeb.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. Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation and West Coast Huron Energy Inc. have 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 **May 7, 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 hearing will be held under sections 18, 86(1)(a), 86(1)(c), and of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).*

