



**EB-2009-0278**

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

### **Algoma Power Inc.**

Algoma Power Inc. ("Algoma Power") filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 1, 2010, and amended on June 7, 2010, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates for 2010 and 2011 that Algoma Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective July 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011 respectively. The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2009-0278. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of Algoma Power's customers.

Any change to Algoma Power's distribution rates will cause Algoma Power's delivery charges to change. Delivery charges are one of four regular items on residential and seasonal customers' electric bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed.

Algoma Power is seeking approval of \$18,928,065 as the 2010 service revenue and \$20,452,136 as the 2011 service revenue it requires to provide electricity distribution. Pursuant to Regulation 442/01 Algoma Power estimates that \$10,186,621 and \$11,596,870 of the required revenue for 2010 and 2011 respectively will be recovered through the Rural and Remote Rate Protection funding, with the balance recovered through customer rates.

Algoma Power indicates that if the application is approved as filed, residential customers (Class R-1) consuming 800 kWh per month would experience an approximate 14.6 % increase in 2010 and a 7.4% increase in 2011 in their current delivery charges. This equates to a \$7.23 per month increase on their total bill for 2010 and a \$4.19 per month increase for 2011. Residential customers (Class R-2) consuming 90,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand equal to 225 kW

would experience an approximate .71% increase in 2010 and a 3.3% increase in 2011 in their current delivery charges. This equates to a \$14.79 per month increase on their total bill for 2010 and a \$69.79 per month increase for 2011. A seasonal customer consuming an average of 1000 kWh per month would experience an approximate 37.4% increase in 2010 and a 23.9% increase in 2011 in their current delivery charges. This equates to a \$37.99 per month increase on their total bill for 2010 and a \$30.90 per month increase for 2011.

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 transmission charges and changes to 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 Algoma Power Inc.'s Application**

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca), and at Algoma Power's office and may be on its website.

### **How to Participate**

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

#### **1. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board**

Your letter with comments will be provided to the Board Panel deciding the application, and will be part of the public record for the application. Your letter must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

#### **2. Become an Observer**

Observers do not actively participate in the proceeding but monitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving documents issued by the Board. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in this proceeding. If you become an observer, you need to contact the applicant and others in order to receive documents that they file in this proceeding and they may charge you for this. Most documents filed in this application will also be

available on the Board's website. Your request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below; however two paper copies are also required. You must also provide a copy of your letter to the applicant.

### **3. Become an Intervenor**

You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Intervenors are 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 **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. 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. 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 the applicant.

The Board intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing but may include an oral component for certain parts of the application. That component may be in the form of a technical conference or an oral hearing or both. 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.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at [www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.errr.oeb.gov.on.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.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca), 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 or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

### **How to Contact Us**

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number EB-2009-0278 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.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca) or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

### **IMPORTANT**

**IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PROCESS AS OUTLINED OR DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.**

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**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

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