

EB-2010-0132

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE

Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.

Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. ("Hydro One Brampton") filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 30, 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 that Hydro One Brampton charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2011. The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2010-0132. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of Hydro One Brampton's customers.

Any change to Hydro One Brampton's distribution rates will cause its 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.

Hydro One Brampton indicates that if the application is approved as filed, Residential customers consuming 800 kWh per month would experience an increase of approximately 9.8% in their delivery charges. There would be an increase of \$3.08 per month 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 a decrease of approximately 2.1% in their delivery charges. There would be a decrease of \$1.52 per month on their total bill. The proposed change to the delivery component of the bill is separate from other potential changes to electricity bills, which could include changes to the "electricity" charges, changes to transmission charges and changes to other components of 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 Hydro One Brampton's Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca/oeb/industry, and at Hydro One Brampton's office, and maybe also 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. 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/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 or in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number EB-2010-0132 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/oeb/industry or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>

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.

ADDRESSES

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