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March 28, 2013

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

# Re: Atikokan Hydro Inc. Board File No. EB-2013-0019 Smart Meter Incremental Rate Application

Atikokan Hydro Inc. ("Atikokan") is pleased to submit to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") the affidavit supporting that the required notification was printed as directed in the Letter of Direction in the above matter.

The item has been filed electronically.

We would be pleased to provide any further information or details that you may require relative to this application.

Sincerely, Well Thorburn

Wilf Thorburn CEO/Secretary/Treasurer Atikokan Hydro Inc.

# AFFIDAVIT OF LETTER OF DIRECTION

THIS AFFIDAVIT I S MADE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF providing evidence that Atikokan Hydro Inc has followed all instructions in its" letter of direction" as it relates to **Atikokan Hydro Inc.** 

Re: Atikokan Hydro Inc.

Board File No. EB-2013-0019 Smart Meter Incremental Rate Application

I, Wilf Thorburn, of the Town of Atikokan, MAKE OATH, AND SAY THAT IHAVE AS FOLLOWS:

- Arranged immediately for the enclosed English version of the Notice, headed with the Ontario government logo and the words "Ontario Energy Board", to be published in one issue of the English language newspaper having the highest paid circulation, according to the best information available, in Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s service area; -Exhibit "A"
- 2. filed with the Board an affidavit proving publication and, where applicable, service of the Notice immediately thereafter;
- 3. Made a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s office and on its website, and,
- **4.** Provided a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

SWORN before me at the) ) <u>Town of Atikokan</u>) )

this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013) <u>Well Photoar</u> Signature)

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Signature Commissioner for taking Affidavits

Angela Sharbot, Clerk, Town of Atikokan. A Commissioner, etc., ex officio, District of Rainy River, under Commissioner's Act, Sec. 2(3). Exhibit "A"

ATIKOKAN (ONT.) PROGRESS MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013



FROM THE GRIND UP Ben Morelli (Outers 2001-02) has launched the newest business in Fort Frances. From The Grind Up is an espresso bar at the foot of Scott Street (right next to PharmaSave, kitty corner from CIBC). Artist Lindsay Joy Hamilton, who doubles as barista (with Morelli here), has graced the walls of the café with her art work. The shop is open 8 am to 6 pm through the week, and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturdays (the hours may expand in the summer). It addition to delicious Fratello coffees, lattes, steamers and teas, the café offers unique paninis, soups and a line of specialty groceries from Deluca of Winnipeg.

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

# Exhibit "A"

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE Atikokan Hydro Inc.

Atikokan Hydro Inc. ("Atikokan") has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for permission to change its delivery charges beginning July 1, 2013 to reflect the recovery of costs for deployed smart meters. The application was filed on March 8, 2013 under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), under the Board's Guideline G-2011-0001: Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery – Final Disposition.

Delivery charges are one of four regular items on Residential and General Service customers' electricity bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed. If the application is approved as applied for, the average impact on the monthly bill for a Residential customer would be an increase of \$2.68 per month for 46 months. The average impact on the monthly bill for a General Service customer having a monthly demand of less than 50 kW would be an increase of \$3.26 per month for 46 months. The proposed changes to the Delivery charges are separate from other potential changes to the electricity bills, which are not affected by this application.

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

The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2013-0019. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on Atikokan's metered customers.

#### How to see Atikokan's Application

To see a copy of the application, go to the Consumer page of the Board's website and enter the case number EB-2013-0019 in the "Find an Application" box. A copy can also be seen at the Board's office and at the applicant's office at the addresses indicated below, or on the applicant's website www.athydro.com.

#### Written Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with this matter by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for holding an oral hearing. If you object to a written hearing, you must provide written reasons why you believe an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant within 10 days of the publication or service date of this notice.

# 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-2013-0019** 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.

#### THE BOARD

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 27th Floor, 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary Filings: https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/

E-mail: boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll free) Fax: 416-440-7656

# **Gasoline Report**

## Ministry of Energy

For the week ending March 18: The average price of a litre of regular gasoline in Ontario rose 0.5¢ to \$1.302. It averaged \$1.349 in the five centres in the North tracked by the Ministry of Energy. The Northern premium was 5.3¢.

The average price was up  $1.5 \notin$ in North Bay (\$1.309),  $4.3 \notin$  in Windsor (\$1.257),  $1.4 \notin$  in Toronto (\$1.294) and Ottawa (\$1.268), and 1¢ in London (\$1.252). It fell 2.2¢ in Sudbury (\$1.355), and was unchanged in Thunder Bay (\$1.347), Sault Ste. Marie (\$1.369), and Timmins (\$1.398). The posted price in Atikokan was unchanged at \$1.389.

The Ontario average diesel fucl price was unchanged at \$1.318; it was down 0.3¢ in Thunder Bay to \$1.365.

# Earth Day Canada

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Association for Environmental Education, the world's largest association of environmental educators. In 2008 it was chosen as Canada's "Outstanding Non-profit Organization" by the Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication. EDC regularly partners with thousands of organizations in all parts of Canada. To support EDC's year-round programs, please visit earthday.ca/donate.



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Instructions for requesting intervenor status are available on the Board's website at <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/</u> <u>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 scen at the Board's office and will be available on the Board's website.

If you do not have internet access, plcase call 1-877-632-2727 to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

#### Interrogatories and Submissions

Board-approved intervenors or Board staff wishing information and material from Atikokan 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 Atikokan on or before April 23, 2013. Atikokan shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all intervenors no later than May 7, 2013.

Written submissions by Board staff must be filed with the Board, and copied to all other parties, by May 21, 2013. Written submissions by an intervenor must be filed with the Board, and copied to all other parties by May 24, 2013. If Atikokan wishes to respond to the submissions, its written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all other parties by June 4, 2013.

#### IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR 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 FURTHER NOTICE IN THE PROCEEDING.

# THE APPLICANT

Atikokan Hydro Inc. 117 Gorrie Street, Box 1480 Atikokan ON POT 1C0 Attention: Mr. Wilf Thorburn

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> DATED at Toronto, March 15, 2013 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD Original Signed By Kristen Walli Board Secretary