



October 11, 2013

Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge St. 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: **Kirsten Walli**  
**Board Secretary**

Dear Kirsten,

**RE: Covering Letter re: Affidavit for Notice of Application and Hearing for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change (EB 2013-0129) for Festival Hydro Inc. ED 2002-0513**

Enclosed please find a copy of the affidavit required per the Letter of Direction to Festival Hydro from the Ontario Energy Board proving publication of the Notice of Application in the Stratford City Gazette on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and sent as a bill insert to all Hensall residential customers with their October Festival Hydro billing. A copy of this document has been filed today via RESS.

Please contact me at 519-271-4703 ext. 268 if you have any questions regarding the information attached.

**FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debbie Reece", is written over the printed name.

Debbie Reece  
Chief Financial Officer



**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Board File No.: EB-2013-0129

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

I, WILLAM G. ZEHR, of the City of Stratford, in the County of Perth MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

1. I am the President of Festival Hydro Inc., and as such have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
2. I caused a copy of the Notice, a copy of which Notice is annexed hereto as Schedule A to this Affidavit, to be published in one issue of the English language newspaper having the highest circulation, according to the best information available, in Festival Hydro's service area, namely The Stratford Gazette, on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The notice was also included as a bill insert with Hensall residential customer billings mailed in October 2013.
3. I have served a copy of the Notice directly on all intervenors of record in Festival Hydro's previous cost of service rate application proceeding EB-2009-0263, namely; Energy Probe Research Foundation, School Energy Coalition and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.
4. Festival Hydro is not a Host Distributor, so there is no Embedded Distributor(s) to serve a copy of the Notice.
5. I have made a copy of the application and evidence available for public review at Festival Hydro's office and on its website; have made a copy of the Notice available for public review at Festival Hydro's office and on its website; and will provide a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

6. I have completed the requirements of the Letter of Direction dated September 30, 2013 from the Ontario Energy Board to me, a copy of which letter is attached as Schedule B to this my affidavit.

Sworn before me at the City )  
of Stratford, in the County of )  
Perth this 15 day of )  
H. October - September, 2013. )  
W.G.Z.



WILLIAM G. ZEHR



A Commissioner, etc.

Liza Lynn Haddock, a Commissioner, etc.,  
Province of Ontario, for  
Skinner, Dunphy & O'Rourke LLP, Lawyers  
Expires February 11, 2016.

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF Festival Hydro Inc.

**Festival Hydro Inc. has applied to change its electricity distribution rates. Learn more. Have your say.**

Festival Hydro Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to decrease the amount it charges by approximately \$0.07 each month for the typical residential customer and increase the amount it charges by approximately \$0.61 each month for the typical residential customer in the Hensall service area beginning on May 1, 2014. Other customers, including businesses, may be affected as well.

The requested rate change is tied to inflation (and other factors intended to promote efficiency).

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

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Festival Hydro's request. We will determine whether Festival Hydro has used the applicable models and formulas as required by the OEB. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide on the appropriate rate changes.

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 Festival Hydro's application on the OEB's website now;
- sign up to observe the proceeding by receiving OEB documents related to the hearing;
- file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing;
- become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply no later than **10 calendar days** after the publication or service date of this notice 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.

The OEB intends to consider cost awards in this proceeding that are in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and are in relation to Festival Hydro's proposal to harmonize base rates for the Residential and Residential – Hensall service classes.

### LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Festival Hydro's distribution services. They make up part of the Delivery line -- one of the five line items on your bill. Our file number for this case is EB-2013-0129. 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 enter that file number at the OEB website: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice). You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

### WRITTEN HEARING

The Board intends to hold a written hearing in this case. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why.

### PRIVACY

*If you write a letter of comment or sign up to observe the hearing, your name and the content of your letter or the documents you file with the OEB 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 rate hearing will be held under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).*

