

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

The Ontario Power Authority (“OPA”) has asked the Ontario Energy Board to approve its proposed Fees and Charges for 2014

The OPA is seeking approval for the fees charged through electricity rates to recover its proposed 2014 operating budget of \$60.3 million. The operating budget is based upon the OPA’s 2014-2016 Business Plan that was approved by the Minister of Energy on January 29, 2014. If the OPA’s proposal is accepted, the current fee will increase from \$0.438/MWh to \$0.439/MWh. For residential customers, this fee is charged to you as part of the “Regulatory Charges” line item on your electricity bill. For an average residential customer, the proposed change will have a very minor impact on the bill.

The OPA has indicated that it may also request a new registration fee for its Large Renewable Procurement. Although this request is not part of the current application, the OPA may seek to amend the application to add this new fee.

The OPA proposes to hold its other fees (which are for registrations and applications that generally do not directly impact residential consumers) constant.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the OPA’s request. We will consider the evidence filed by the OPA, question the company on its case, and allow individuals and groups that wish to participate to provide evidence, question the company and make arguments about whether the order should be granted. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will determine if the OPA’s proposed fee is appropriate.

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 OPA’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 by **[insert actual date 10 calendar days from publication]** 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-2013-0326. 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. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

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.

