

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF CAMBRIDGE AND NORTH DUMFRIES HYDRO INC. & BRANT COUNTY POWER INC.

Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. has applied for approval to purchase all of the shares of Brant County Power Inc. Learn more. Have your say.

Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Brant County Power Inc. and to amend its electricity distribution licence to include Brant County Power Inc.'s service area. Brant County Power Inc. has requested the cancellation of its electricity distribution licence, if the Ontario Energy Board approves the sale.

The purchase price of the shares is \$40 million including the assumption of Brant County Power's \$8 million debt. Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro says that:

- the costs of the share purchase and of integrating the two utilities will not be funded by ratepayers; and
- rates for the customers of Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro and of Brant County Power will not be harmonized until 2019.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider whether to allow Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro to purchase Brant County Power. We will question both companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of both Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro and Brant County Power. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to allow the purchase to go ahead and if so, address the request to amend Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro's licence and to cancel Brant County Power Inc.'s licence.

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 Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro's and Brant County Power's application on the OEB's website now.
- file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **July 20, 2014**, 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 numbers for this case are **EB-2014-0217** and **EB-2014-0223**. 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 select the file number on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro and Brant County Power have applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. 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, your name and the content of your letter 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 hearing will be held under sections 86(2)(a), 74 and 77(5) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

