

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. & HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC.

**Hydro One Inc. has applied for approval to purchase Haldimand County Hydro Inc.
Learn more. Have your say.**

Hydro One Inc., the owner of Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to purchase all of the shares of Haldimand County Utilities Inc. Haldimand County Utilities Inc. owns the electricity distributor, Haldimand County Hydro Inc. As part of this purchase Haldimand County Hydro Inc. is asking for the Board to approve:

- (a) a one percent reduction in Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'s 2014 electricity distribution rates until rates are harmonized in 2020;
- (b) the transfer of Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'s distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc.; and
- (c) the transfer of Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'s distribution licence and rate order to Hydro One Networks Inc.

The purchase price of the shares is \$75 million, which includes a cash payment of \$65.2 million and the assumption of Haldimand County Utilities Inc.'s \$9.8 million debt. The applicants say that the costs of the purchase will not be funded by ratepayers and that the rates for the customers of Hydro One Networks Inc. and Haldimand County Hydro Inc. will remain separate until 2020.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the applications filed by Hydro One Inc. and Haldimand County Hydro Inc. We will question both companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of both Hydro One Networks Inc. and Haldimand County Hydro Inc. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the applications.

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 applications filed by Hydro One Inc. and Haldimand County Hydro Inc. 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 **September 21, 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 number for this case is **EB-2014-0244**. 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 **EB-2014-0244** from the list 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. Hydro One Inc. and Haldimand County Hydro Inc. 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)(b), 78, 86(1)(a), and 18 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

