



# *Township of East Zorra-Tavistock*

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Ontario Energy Board  
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## **Re: Case Number EB-2013-0213 Woodstock Hydro Sale to Hydro One**

The Township of East Zorra-Tavistock is a municipal neighbour to the north of the City of Woodstock. The Township is currently served by Hydro One (Rural areas, including Hickson and Innerkip) and ERT Corporation (Tavistock). The Township has comments and concerns in two particular areas related to the sale of Woodstock Hydro to Hydro One.

The Township is concerned that all hydro customers will be paying the premium, in one manner or another to purchase Woodstock Hydro. This will no doubt have an impact on hydro rates for all customers and is not in the best interest of consumers.

The Township understands the Beachville operations centre will be relocated to Woodstock. It is also understood there is a service level guarantee, including penalty provisions for Woodstock. The Township is concerned that this will lead to a reduction in the level of service to the rural areas. As well, there is concern that response time to the rural areas during a widespread outage will be greatly reduced, as Hydro One will be focusing on restoring hydro to Woodstock to meet service level guarantees that are not available to existing Hydro One areas.

Please consider these comments when evaluating the proposed sale of Woodstock Hydro to Hydro.

Yours truly,

Jeff Carswell, AMCT  
Chief Administrative Officer