# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO ALL ONTARIO ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS

# Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to increase its electricity transmission rates for 2015 and 2016 and to change the province-wide transmission rate.

# Learn more. Have your say.

Hydro One has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase the amount that a typical residential customer pays for transmission service by \$0.11 each month beginning January 1, 2015 and by \$0.18 each month beginning January 2016 by seeking approval of changes to province-wide uniform transmission rates.

Hydro One has also submitted a proposed comprehensive Settlement Agreement that it reached with the ratepayer and other groups that participated in Hydro One's last transmission rate hearing. These groups represent a broad range of customers.

The OEB's decision on this application will have an effect on all electricity consumers in Ontario. Any change to the Uniform Transmission Rate will cause a change to the delivery line on all electricity bills (residential and business).

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

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One's request, including the terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement. We will question the company on its case for a rate change. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent Hydro One customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, change will be allowed.

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 Hydro One's application and the Settlement Agreement 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 [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

This application deals with a request to increase the delivery component of the bill. Delivery is separate from other components of the bill such as charges for the electricity itself or other regulatory charges.

Our file number for this case is **EB-2014-0140**. 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-2014-0140** from the list at the OEB website: <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice</u>.

Copies of the application are also available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>, at Hydro One Networks Inc.'s website <u>www.HydroOne.com</u>.

You can also phone the OEB's 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 has not specified what type of hearing it would like. 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 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).

