



May 22, 2015

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: OEB File No. EB-2015-0073  
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. ("Guelph Hydro") Cost of Service  
("COS") Application for electricity distribution to be effective January 1,  
2016 (the "Application") - Affidavit**

In accordance with the Board's Letter of Direction (the "Letter") dated May 21, 2015, the undersigned hereby is filing an affidavit proving completion of the matters in paragraph 1 through 3 of the Letter.

Guelph Hydro served a copy of the Ontario Energy Board Notice (the "Notice") directly to all intervenors of record in the previous 2012 cost of service rate application proceeding EB-2011-0123 (i.e. Energy Probe, SEC and VECC) on May 21, 2015, and to all other parties listed in the Letter on May 22, 2015.

Guelph Hydro does not have any Embedded Distributor.

Copies of the Notice, and the Application and Evidence are made available for public review at Guelph Hydro's office and in a prominent place on its website.

I trust you will find the foregoing to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert", is written over the signature line.

Director of Regulatory Affairs  
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.

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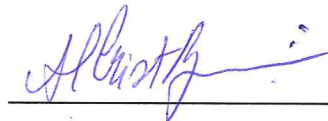
Affidavit of )  
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Cristina Birceanu )

IN THE MATTER OF GUELPH HYDRO  
ELECTRIC SYSTEMS INC. AND  
THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

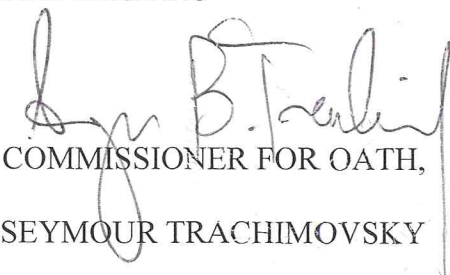
I, **CRISTINA BIRCEANU**, at the City of Guelph, make oath to say:

1. I am a Director of Regulatory Affairs at Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. and as such have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
2. By letter dated May 21, 2015, the Ontario Energy Board gave Guelph Hydro Electric Distribution Systems Inc. certain directives to comply with. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to this my affidavit is a true copy of that Letter of Direction.
3. In accordance with the directives contained in the Letter of Direction, Guelph Hydro served the *Ontario Energy Board Notice to Customers of Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.* ("the Notice") to all intervenors of record in Guelph Hydro's previous cost of service rate proceeding EB-2011-0123 on May 21, 2015 and to all parties listed in the Notice on May 22, 2015. A copy of the Notice, the application and evidence were made available for public review at Guelph Hydro's office and in a prominent place on Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.'s website. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" to this my affidavit is a true copy of the Notice.

SWORN BEFORE ME, at the City )  
of Guelph, )  
This 22 day of May, 2015 )



DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS –  
GUELPH HYDRO ELECTRIC SYSTEMS INC.  
CRISTINA BIRCEANU



A COMMISSIONER FOR OATH,  
SEYMOUR TRACHIMOVSKY

# EXHIBIT A

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BY E-MAIL

May 21, 2015

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*This is Exhibit A to the  
Affidavit of Cristina  
Birceanu  
by B. Truitt*

## LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Ms. Birceanu:

**Re: Guelph Hydro  
Application for 2016 Distribution Rates  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2015-0073**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Hearing (Notice) for Guelph Hydro's 2016 cost of service distribution rates application. The Notice will be published by the OEB, in accordance with directions to the OEB's agent which were copied to you. Please note that you must comply with the directions in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 below **prior to May 28, 2015**, which is the publication date of the newspaper in which the Notice will appear last. If you are unable to comply with the directions within this timeframe, you must inform the Board Secretary immediately.

You are directed:

1. No later than the date the Notice is posted on Guelph Hydro's website in accordance with paragraph 2, to arrange for the service of the enclosed Notice, in the exact form accompanying this letter and the application and the evidence, directly on all intervenors of record in Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.'s previous cost of service rate proceeding EB-2011-0123 and other parties, namely:

Allstream Inc.  
Bell Canada  
Bragg Communications Inc., operating as "Eastlink"  
Canadian Cable Systems Alliance Inc.  
Cogeco Cable Inc.  
Energy Probe Research Foundation  
Hydro One Telecom  
Independent Telecommunications Providers Association  
Quebecor Media Inc.  
Rogers Cable Communications Inc.  
Rogers Communications Partnership  
School Energy Coalition  
Shaw Communications Inc.  
Telus Communications  
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

2. If Guelph Hydro is a Host Distributor, to, no later than the date the Notice is posted on Guelph Hydro's website in accordance with paragraph 3, serve a copy of the enclosed Notice directly on its Embedded Distributor(s).
3. To make a copy of the Notice, the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Guelph Hydro's office and in a prominent place on Guelph Hydro's website.
4. To file with the OEB an affidavit in both electronic and paper forms proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1 through 3 above immediately thereafter.
5. To provide a copy of the Notice, application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

You are further directed not to include any documents or materials when serving the Notice other than documents or materials expressly required by this letter of direction to be served.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Encl.

cc: John Vellone, Applicant's Counsel

EXHIBIT B

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF GUELPH HYDRO ELECTRIC SYSTEMS INC.

**Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. has applied to  
raise its electricity distribution rates.**

**Learn more. Have your say.**

Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase the amount it charges by \$4.05 each month for the typical residential customer beginning on January 1, 2016. Other customers, including businesses, may be affected as well.

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

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

Distributors such as Guelph Hydro typically apply for a full review of their rates every five years. Any rate changes for the years in between are made by applying a formula that is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. You may not get notice of future rate changes made by applying the formula.

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 Guelph Hydro's application on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **June 8, 2015** 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, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

### LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Guelph Hydro's distribution services. They make up part of the Delivery line – one of the five line items on your bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0073**. 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-2015-0073** from the list on the OEB website: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://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. Guelph Hydro has 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 by **June 8, 2015**.

### 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 e-mail 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).*



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Ontario Energy Board  
Commission de l'énergie  
de l'Ontario

*This is Exhibit B  
to the Affidavit  
of Christine Bircanaru  
Signed B. Trulif*