



September 21, 2015

Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge St. 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

**Attention: Kirsten Walli**  
**Board Secretary**

Dear Kirsten,

**RE: Covering Letter re: Affidavit for Notice of Application and Hearing for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change (EB 2015-0069) for Festival Hydro Inc. ED 2002-0513**

Enclosed please find a copy of the affidavit required per the Letter of Direction to Festival Hydro from the Ontario Energy Board dated September 9, 2015. A copy of this document has been filed today via RESS.

Please contact me at 519-271-4703 ext. 268 if you have any questions regarding the information attached.

**FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie Reece", is written over the typed name and title.

Debbie Reece  
Chief Financial Officer

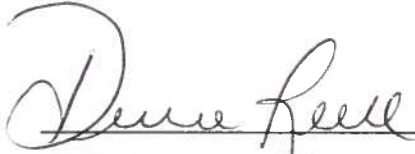
RE: **IN THE MATTER OF A NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE (EB-2015-0069)**


## AFFIDAVIT

I, DEBBIE A. REECE, of the City of Stratford, in the County of Perth MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS THAT:

1. I am the Chief Financial Officer of Festival Hydro Inc., and as such have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
2. I caused a copy of the Notice, a copy of which Notice is annexed hereto as Schedule A to this Affidavit, which has been published in the English language on Festival Hydro's website on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.
3. I have served a copy of the Notice directly on all intervenors of record in Festival Hydro's previous cost of service rate application proceeding EB-2014-0073, namely; Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario, Energy Probe Research Foundation, School Energy Coalition and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.
4. Festival Hydro is not a Host Distributor so there is no Embedded Distributor(s) to serve a copy of the Notice.
5. I have made a copy of the application and evidence available for public review at Festival Hydro's office at 187 Erie Street, Stratford and will provide a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.
6. I have completed the requirements of the Letter of Direction dated September 9, 2015 from the Ontario Energy Board to me, a copy of which letter is attached as Schedule B to this my affidavit.

Sworn before me at the City )  
of Stratford, in the County of )  
Perth this 21<sup>st</sup> day of )  
September, 2015. )

  
DEBBIE A. REECE

  
A Commissioner, etc.

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**Stratford, ON (2015/09/15)** - Festival Hydro has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to adjust the rates it charges for the distribution of electricity effective January 1, 2016. Attached is the OEB's Notice to Customers, which may be found [here](#). A copy of this Notice, along with the 2016 IRM application and supporting documentation is available for public review at Festival Hydro's office located at 187 Erie Street, Stratford.

**2016 PRICE CAP IR APPLICATION****FESTIVAL HYDRO'S 2016 PRICE CAP INCENTIVE REGULATON MECHANISM (IRM) APPLICATION**

**Stratford, ON (2015/08/17)** - Festival an application to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to adjust its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2016. The application may be found [Here](#)

**RECENT MOMENTARY OUTAGES**

Stratford, ON—Festival Hydro would like to apologize to residents who have been affected by numerous short power outages in the past month.

Festival Hydro agrees that the number of recent outages is well above the average number expected and would like to assure residents that we are working hard to resolve the issue.

The outages are being caused by faults which occur on distribution lines or equipment used to distribute power. These outages are short and cleared by a reclosing of the station breaker. The distribution system is designed to do this because most faults are not permanent in nature eg. lightning strike, wind, faulty equipment or animal interference. In these instances where the fault is only temporary and clears quickly it is very hard for Festival Hydro crews to identify the root cause.

In order to identify the specific areas where these faults are occurring specialized equipment called "fault indicators" have been installed and our staff will be responding to all momentary disruptions.

Festival Hydro is in the process of replacing equipment that we believe is contributing to these outages.

Festival Hydro is currently budgeting 10% of our capital projects to specifically increase the reliability of the distribution system as it relates to momentary outages. These programs look to update and replace equipment with newer models that are equipped with technology to reduce the likelihood of equipment failures, and another program to increase the clearance around wires that will reduce the likelihood of animal contacts causing a fault. These are multi-year system upgrades which will increase system reliability.

All of these measures are being taken to ensure that Festival Hydro will continue to deliver the reliable service that residents deserve and have come to expect from them.

**PLANNED SERVICE WORK**

Planned Service Work effective September 2, 2015

[Planned Service Work](#)

**RECENT MOMENTARY INTERRUPTIONS IN STRATFORD**

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**BY E-MAIL**

September 9, 2015

Debbie Reece  
Festival Hydro Inc.  
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**LETTER OF DIRECTION**

Dear Ms. Reece:

**Re: Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro)  
Application for Rates  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2015-0069**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Hearing for Festival Hydro's 2016 incentive regulation mechanism application (Notice). Please note that you must serve the Notice to the parties identified below **within fourteen days** of the date of this letter. If service is not possible within this timeframe, you must inform the Board Secretary immediately.

You are directed:

1. To remove the bold and bracketed words "[insert actual date 10 calendar days from the date the notice is posted on the applicant's website]" under the sections entitled "**BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY**" and "**WRITTEN HEARING**" in the enclosed Notice and insert the date which shall be determined by adding 10 calendar days to the date that the Notice will be posted on Festival Hydro's website in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 4 below. If that date falls on a "holiday" as defined in Rule 6.02 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, insert the next date that is not a holiday. Use the following date format "**January 1, 2014**".
2. Once the the requirements of paragraph 1 are completed, to immediately and prior to completing any other steps required in this letter of direction, file with the OEB a pdf version of the complete (dated) Notice (Dated Notice).
3. No later than the date the Notice is posted on Festival Hydro's website in accordance with paragraph 4, to arrange for the service of the Dated Notice, in the exact form accompanying

this letter and the application and the evidence, personally, by courier or by e-mail on all intervenors of record in Festival Hydro's previous cost of service rate proceeding EB-2014-0073, namely:

Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario  
Energy Probe Research Foundation  
School Energy Coalition  
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

4. To make a copy of the Dated Notice, the application and the evidence available for public review at Festival Hydro's office and in a prominent place on Festival Hydro's website.
5. If Festival Hydro is a Host Distributor, to no later than the date the Dated Notice is posted on Festival Hydro's website in accordance with paragraph 4, serve a copy of the enclosed Notice directly on its Embedded Distributor(s).
6. To file with the OEB an affidavit in both electronic and paper forms proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1 through 5 above immediately thereafter.
7. 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.