

Niagara On-The-Lake HYDRO

October 20, 2015

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

Via e-mail, mail and RESS

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. 2016 IRM Rate Application

OEB Case EB-2015-0091

Affidavit

Dear Ms. Walli,

As per the Ontario Energy Board *Letter of Direction* dated October 13, 2015, please find attached an affidavit, as required in paragraph 4 of that letter, proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1 through 3 of that letter.

Sincerely,



Philip Wormwell
Director of Corporate Services

Enclosure:
Copy of Notice of Hearing
Affidavit signed by Town Clerk.

**AFFIDAVIT REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR RATES
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD FILE NUMBER: EB-2015-0091**

I, **Philip Wormwell**, of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara,

MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am the Director of Corporate Services at Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. (the "Applicant") and as such have knowledge of the matters set out in this Affidavit.
2. As of the date of this Affidavit, the Applicant has completed its obligations pursuant to the Letter of Direction from the Ontario Energy Board, dated October 13, 2015, specifically:

Paragraph 1 of the Letter of Direction

On October 13, 2015, service of the enclosed Notice, the application and the evidence, was made directly on all intervenors of record in Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's previous cost of service rate proceeding EB-2013-0155, namely:

- Energy Probe Research Foundation
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

Paragraph 2 of the Letter of Direction

As the Applicant is not a Host Distributor, this Paragraph does not apply.

Paragraph 3 of the Letter of Direction

On October 13, 2015, a copy of the enclosed Notice, the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, were made available for public review at Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's office and in a prominent place on Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's website.

3. This Affidavit is made with respect to the Application of Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. for approval of its 2016 Distribution Rates effective May 1, 2016.

Philip Wormwell, Director of
Corporate Services

SWORN before me at the Town of
Niagara-on-the-Lake, in the
Regional Municipality of Niagara this
20th Day of October, 2015

Holly Dowd, Town Clerk

HOLLY DOWD, Clerk
a Commissioner, etc., for the Corporation
of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates.

Learn more. Have your say.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase the amount it charges by approximately \$0.44 each month for the typical residential customer beginning on May 1, 2016. Other customers, including businesses, may be affected as well.

The requested rate increase is set using a formula which is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. The application also includes a request to refund a balance in a deferral account to customers.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's request. We will determine whether Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro has used the applicable models and formulas as required by the OEB and review the proposal to refund the amount in a deferral account. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide on the appropriate rate changes.

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 Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 no later than **October 26, 2015** after the publication or service date of this notice 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.

The OEB intends to consider cost awards in this proceeding that are in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and are in relation to Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's proposed disposition of a supplemental balance in Deferral Account 1576 of \$202,237 as a refund to customers over a three year term.

LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Niagara-on-the-Lake 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-2015-0091**. 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, select the appropriate application from the list at the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

WRITTEN HEARING

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB is considering holding a written hearing in this case. 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).



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