

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ATIKOKAN HYDRO INC.

Atikokan Hydro Inc. has applied to raise the rates it charges for the distribution of electricity.

Learn more.

Atikokan Hydro Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to decrease the amount it charges for distributing electricity by approximately \$3.72 each month for a typical residential customer that uses 800kWh of electricity per month starting on May 1, 2016. Other customers, including businesses, may be affected as well.

The requested rate change includes an adjustment using a formula which is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency.

In 2014 Atikokan Hydro Inc. earned significantly more than the amount approved by the Ontario Energy Board. Given Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s earnings in 2014, the Ontario Energy Board will assess whether it should grant Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s request for an increase to its base rates for 2016.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Atikokan Hydro's request. We will determine whether Atikokan Hydro has used the applicable models and formulas as required by the OEB and whether to approve Atikokan Hydro's request for a rate adjustment. 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 Atikokan 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 **[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, 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 Atikokan Hydro's proposed rate increase in the context of its earnings performance in 2014.

LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Atikokan 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-2015-0052**. 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:

<http://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. Atikokan 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 **[insert actual date 10 calendar days from publication]**.

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).

