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

Attention: Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

**Re: Haldimand County Hydro Inc.
2016 Electricity Distribution Rate Application (EB-2015-0259)
Affidavit Proving Service of Notice**

Dear Ms. Walli:

Pursuant to the Board's Letter of Direction, dated November 11, 2015, and in particular paragraphs 1 through 3, please find enclosed two executed copies of the Affidavit Proving Service of Notice, dated November 17, 2015, with respect to serving the Board's Notice of Application.

An electronic copy of the Affidavit Proving Service of Notice has also been submitted today through the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System ("RESS").

Yours truly,
HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC.

Original signed by

Jacqueline A. Scott
Finance Manager



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AFFIDAVIT PROVING SERVICE OF NOTICE


**HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR AN
ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE
BOARD FILE NO. EB-2015-0259**

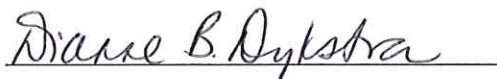
I, Nicole Mitchell, hereby certify that the “Notice of Hearing For An Electricity Distribution Rate Change” (the “Notice”), as provided by the Ontario Energy Board with it’s Letter of Direction issued November 11, 2015, was served directly on the following parties, by email dated November 13, 2015 (copies attached):

- Hydro One Networks Inc. (Embedded Distributor); and
- Intervenors on Record – 2014 Cost of Service Rate Application (EB-2013-0134)
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

I further certify that the Notice and a copy of the application and evidence are available for public review at Haldimand County Hydro Inc.’s office and on its website at www.haldimandcountyhydro.ca.

SWORN BEFORE ME in)
Haldimand County)
In the Province of Ontario,)
this 17th day of November, 2015)
)


Nicole Mitchell
Executive Assistant
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.
November 17th, 2015



Dianne Barbara Dykstra, a Commissioner,
etc., Province of Ontario, for
McCarthy & Fowler, Barristers & Solicitors.
Expires April 6, 2018.

Nicole Mitchell

From: Sherry Graham
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:49 PM
To: Oded.Hubert@HydroOne.com
Cc: Jackie Scott; Jane Albert; Nicole Mitchell
Subject: Haldimand County Hydro Inc.- 2016 Electricity Distribution Rate Application (EB-2015-0259) "Notice of Hearing"
Attachments: Notice_Haldimand_QOE-NHA-15001_6-188_FIN_20151111.pdf

Attention: Oded Hubert, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
Hydro One Networks Inc.

The Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") has now issued its Notice of Hearing (the "Notice"), relating to Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'s 2016 Electricity Distribution Rate Application. In accordance with the Board's Letter of Direction accompanying the Notice, specifically item 2. to serve a copy directly on its Embedded Distributor, please refer to a PDF copy attached.

Regards,

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To: 'Randy Aiken (randy.aiken@sympatico.ca); 'davidmacintosh@nextcity.com'; mjanigan@piac.ca; 'markgarner@rogers.com'; 'bharper@econalysis.ca'
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Attention: Intervenor on Record – 2014 Cost of Service ("COS") Rate Application (EB-2013-0134)

1. Energy Probe Research Foundation
2. Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

The Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") has now issued its Notice of Hearing (the "Notice"), relating to Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'s 2016 Electricity Distribution Rate Application. In accordance with the Board's Letter of Direction accompanying the Notice, specifically item 1. to serve directly on its intervenors of record from the 2014 COS rate application, please refer to a PDF copy attached.

Regards,

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC.

Haldimand County Hydro Inc. has applied to adjust the rates it charges for the distribution of electricity.

Learn more.

As required by the Ontario Energy Board, Haldimand County Hydro Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to transition to a new residential rate structure over a five year period starting January 1, 2016.

The impact of this change on your bill will depend on the amount of electricity you use. The Ontario Energy Board requires the change to be made over four years starting in 2016 to mitigate the impact of any increases. Haldimand County Hydro Inc. has also proposed a fifth year of implementation to ease the impacts of putting that structure in place.

Your current electricity distribution rates are based on a combination of fixed and variable charges. Beginning in 2016, all electricity distributors are required to structure residential rates so that all the costs for distribution service are collected through a fixed monthly charge. As the Ontario Energy Board discusses in its policy paper (ontarioenergyboard.ca/ratedesign), this is a fairer and more transparent way to recover costs related to power distribution.

The policy applies only to the cost of distributing electricity. It does not affect the cost of the electricity itself, or other electricity-related charges, which together make up most of a typical customer's bill and will continue to be charged based on how much electricity a customer uses.

The change in rate design will not change the total amount of money your electricity distributor recovers from its residential customers. In fact, most residential customers in Ontario will see little change on their bill after the new policy is fully implemented.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'s request. We will determine whether to approve Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'s request for mitigating the impact of the shift to fixed rates. 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 Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'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 **November 30, 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.

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 Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'s proposed request for mitigating the impact of the shift to fixed rates.

LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'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-2015-0259**. 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 HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings - oral and written. Haldimand County Hydro Inc. 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 **November 30, 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 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).

