# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO DISTRIBUTION CUSTOMERS OF HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

# Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to change its electricity distribution rates and other charges.

Learn more. Have your say.

Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to change its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2017. If the application is approved, the impact on a typical customer in each of Hydro One Network Inc.'s residential customer classes is shown below:

Residential Rate Class	Monthly Charge	Percent Change
UR (Urban High Density)	- \$2.66	-7.6%
R1 (Mid Density)	- \$1.55	-2.9%
R2 (Low Density)	-\$25.42	-34.0%
Seasonal	-\$ 0.17	- 0.3%

Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

Hydro One Networks' application indicates that the changes requested are the result of:

- (a) the implementation of a distribution rate plan previously approved by the Ontario Energy Board (EB-2013-0416)
- (b) an increase in Rural and Remote Rate Protection amount
- (c) moving to fully fixed residential distribution rates as required by the Ontario Energy Board

In this application, Hydro One Networks Inc. has also implemented the Ontario Energy Board's approved Specific Charge for Cable and Telecom Companies Access to the Power Poles (EB-2015-0141).

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

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Hydro One Networks. During the hearing, we will question Hydro One Networks on its application. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent Hydro One Networks' customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate change will be allowed.

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 Hydro One Networks' 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 **December 12, 2016** 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 Hydro One Networks' 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-2016-0081. 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-2016-0081** from the list on the OEB website: <a href="https://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice</a>. 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. The OEB intends to proceed by way of a written hearing in this case. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **December 12, 2016**.

#### PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter 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).

