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Friday, August 11, 2017

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli

## **RE: EB-2017-0032 Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. Notice of Application and Hearing per 2018 Rate Application**

Please find enclosed the original signed affidavit evidence for our Notice of Application and Hearing relating to our 2018 Cost of Service application.

I trust this completes all the requirements in the Letter of Direction, dated August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Sincerely,

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**PROVINCE OF ONTARIO** 

TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON **IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. (CWH) for 2018 Distribution Rates

TO WIT:

**I, HEATHER DOWLING**, of the Township of Centre Wellington, in the County of Wellington, **MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS**:

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- 1. I am employed as Manager of Finance/Regulatory of Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. ("CWH").
- 2. In accordance with paragraph 1 of the Board's EB-2017-0032 Letter of Direction dated August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a cover letter outlining Centre Wellington Hydro's proposal to change the MicroFIT rate class to include net metering accounts and the proposed increase to the MicroFIT service charge (including a specific reference to the relevant description of the proposal within the evidence), and the application and the evidence, directly on all current and potential net metering accounts/customers. The cover letter and Notice are attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit 'A'.

SWORN before me at the Township of Centre Wellington, in the County of Wellington this August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

HEATHER DOWLING

Commissioner of Oaths

Constance Rosalie Redmond, a Commissioner, etc., Province of Ontario, for the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellingtor Expires October 28, 2017.

### Appendix A – Notice for all, including potential Net Metering customers

The letter and notice following this page were mailed to potential Net Metering customers. Names and address have not been included.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

# **RE: EB-2017-0032** Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. Notice of Application and Hearing per 2018 Rate Application

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. is proposing to change the MicroFIT rate class to include Net Metering accounts and is applying for an increase to the MicroFIT service charge (currently it is \$5.40/month and is applying for an increase to \$10/month) effective January 1, 2018. The details of this change can be found in Centre Wellington Hydro's Cost of Service application, specifically in Exhibit 8, Section 8.1.9. The application is currently on Centre Wellington Hydro's website, www.cwhydro.ca, and on the Ontario Energy Board's website.

The Ontario Energy Board requires that Centre Wellington Hydro notify you directly of the current application. Please see the insert included with this letter for information of how you can learn more about this application and how you can participate in this process.

Regards

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## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF CENTRE WELLINGTON HYDRO LTD.

## Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates and other charges.

#### Learn more. Have your say.

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2018. If the application is approved, a typical residential customer of Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. would see an increase of approximately \$2.55 per month. Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. has also applied to increase the microFIT service charge and implement the service charge for access to its power poles following the outcome of an ongoing pole attachment policy review. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by these changes.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A COMMUNITY MEETING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is hosting a meeting on September 21, 2017 at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex, 550 Belsyde Ave. E., Fergus, Ontario from 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) so that you can:

- · Learn more about Centre Wellington Hydro's costs and rate application
- · Find out how the OEB will review the application
- · Get involved and provide your comments about the application to the OEB

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

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

Distributors such as Centre Wellington Hydro typically apply for a full review of their rates every five years. Any rate changes for the years in between are made by applying an OEB-approved formula which is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. You may not get notice of future rate changes made by applying the formula.

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 Centre Wellington Hydro's application on the OEB's website now.
- You can attend the OEB's community meeting (date, time and place set out above) where you can ask
  questions, make comments and voice your concerns.
- 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 **August 21, 2017** 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 Centre Wellington 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-2017-0032**. 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-2017-0032** from the list on the OEB website: **www.oeb.ca/notice**. 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. Centre Wellington Hydro has applied for a written hearing. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 21, 2017.** 

#### 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).



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