

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF HALTON HILLS HYDRO INC.

**Halton Hills Hydro Inc. applied to raise its electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2018.**

**Learn more. Have your say.**

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2018. If the application is approved, a typical residential customer of Halton Hills Hydro Inc. would see an increase of approximately \$0.97 per month. Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

The requested rate increase is set using an OEB-approved formula which is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency.

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. also applied to establish an account and dispose of amounts in the account to remedy an error in the calculation of depreciation expense that Halton Hills Hydro says underpins its current rates. Halton Hills Hydro Inc. also applied to recover costs incurred as a result of a pay equity settlement agreement between Halton Hills Hydro Inc. and Power Worker's Union, CUPE Local 1000.

The Ontario Energy Board intends hear the application to increase rates (Price Cap IR) , the application to establish and dispose of a variance account and the application to recover costs related to the pay equity settlement (Z factor) as part of the same proceeding.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Halton Hills Hydro's request. We will determine whether the company has used the applicable models and formulas required by the OEB for the proposed rate increase and will review evidence related to the proposed variance account and Z factor. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent Halton Hills Hydro's customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate increase will be allowed, whether or not to allow the establishment disposal of a variance account and whether to allow recovery for of costs related to the pay equity settlement

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 Halton Hills Hydro's applications 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 **[utility will insert actual date 10 calendar days from the date the notice is posted on the applicant's website]** 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 only in relation to:

1. Halton Hills Hydro's proposed application for the establishment and disposition of a variance account
2. Halton Hills Hydro's Z factor application

## LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Halton Hills 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-2017-0045**. 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 enter the file number **EB-2017-0045** on the OEB website:

[www.oeb.ca/participate](http://www.oeb.ca/participate). 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. Halton Hills 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 **[utility will insert actual date 10 calendar days from the date the notice is posted on the applicant's website]**.

## 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).

