

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF RIDEAU ST. LAWRENCE DISTRIBUTION INC.

**Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. applied to raise its electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2018.**

**Learn more. Have your say.**

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase its electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2018. If the application is approved, a typical residential customer of Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. would see an increase of approximately \$0.68 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. The rate increase also includes a request for incremental capital to purchase a truck to install utility poles.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the requests made by Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution's in its application. We will determine whether the company has used the applicable models and formulas required by the OEB and whether to approve additional capital in relation to the request for a new truck. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution's customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate increase 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 Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution'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 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 Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution's request for incremental capital.

## LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution'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-2017-0265**. 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-2017-0265** 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. 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 **[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).*

