

### Westario Power Inc.

24 Eastridge Road R.R. #2 Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 Tel: (519) 507-6666 Fax: (519) 507-6887

January 11, 2018

Ontario Energy Board Att'n Board Secretary P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4P 1E4

Re: Affidavit with respect to Letter of Direction - Westario Power Inc.: OEB file Number EB-2017-0084

Dear Madame:

Please be advised that Westario Power Inc. completed and complied with the requirements as at January 10, 2018 as stipulated in the Letter of Direction dated December 21, 2017. The appropriate affidavit is attached for your records.

If further clarification is required please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Westario Power Inc Per Malcolm McCallum

nosnam

Vice President Finance/CFO

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act,1998 AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Westario Power Inc. (WPI) for 2018 Distribution Rate Board File No. EB-2017-0084 and the Letter of Direction dated December 21, 2017.

### AFFIDAVIT OF

- I, Malcolm McCallum, of the Township of Artemesia in Grey County, MAKE OATH AND SAY:
- 1. I am the Chief Financial Officer of Westario Power Inc., and as such have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
- 2. In accordance with paragraph 1(a) of the Board's EB-2017-0084 Letter of Direction dated December 21, 2017, the notice was sent directly to all MicroFit customers in conjunction with a cover letter. The cover letter and Notice are attached as Appendix "A".
- 3. In accordance with paragraph 1(a) of the Board's EB-2017-0084 Letter of Direction dated December 21, 2017, the notice was sent via courier to all interveners of record in Westario Power Inc.'s previous Cost of Service proceeding. The form of notice sent to intervener is attached to this Affidavit as Appendix "B".
- 4. In accordance with paragraph 1(b) of the Board's EB-2017-0084 Letter of Direction dated December 21, 2017, Westario Power Inc. confirms that appropriate permissions are not in place to send additional information to customers via email.
- 5. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the Board's EB-2017-0084 Letter of Direction dated December 21, 2017, I certify a copy of the Notice, the application and evidence and any amendments thereto are available for public review at the office of Westario Power Inc. The Notice of Application and a copy of the Application was posted on the WPI website on January 10, 2018. The form of notice posted on WPI website is attached to the Affidavit as Exhibit "C".

- 6. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Board's EB-2017-0084 Letter of Direction dated December 21, 2017, Westario Power Inc. confirms that the requirement of paragraph 3 was sent on twitter on January 10, 2018. The form of the tweet is attached to this Affidavit as Appendix "D".
- 7. I make this Affidavit in support of the Application for 2018 Distribution Rates on to the Ontario Energy Board file number EB-2017-0084, and for no other or improper purpose.

Sworn before me in the Town of Walkerton

In the Municipality of Brockton this I th day of

January 2018.

Malcolm McCallum

Commisioner for Taking Affidavits

Lindsey Watson - Deputy Treasurer Commissioner of Oaths Municipality of Brockton

### Appendix A - Notice for all MicroFit customers

The letter and notice following this page were mailed to all MicroFit customers. Names and address have not been included.



### Westario Power Inc.

24 Eastridge Road, R.R. # 2 Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 Tel (519) 507-6937 Fax (519) 507-6787

Dear MicroFIT Customer

Please find enclosed a copy of the Ontario Energy Board's notice to customers of Westario Power Inc. regarding Westario Power's application for 2018 Distribution Rate. Included with this notice is a copy of the application and evidence.

### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF WESTARIO POWER INC.

Westario Power Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates and other charges.

### Learn more. Have your say.

Westario Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2018. If the application is approved, a typical residential customer of Westario Power Inc. would see an increase of approximately \$2.78 each month. Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

Westario Power Inc. has also applied for approval to change other charges, including an increase to the microFIT Service Charge. 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) will be hosting a community meeting. The location and time of this meeting will be communicated through a bill insert and will also be available on the Ontario Energy Board's website (www.oeb.ca/participate/community-meetings). Community meetings are designed to allow customers to:

- Learn more about Westario Power'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 Westario Power's requests. We will question the company on its case for a rate increase and other proposals. We will also hear arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent Westario Power's customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, increase will be allowed.

Distributors such as Westario Power typically apply for a full review of their rates every five years. Any rate changes for the years in between are made by applying a formula that 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 Westario Power'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 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 become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by January 22, 2018 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 Westario Power'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-2017-0084**. 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-2017-0084** 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. Westario Power 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 **January 22, 2018.** 

### 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).



### Appendix B - Notice to Interveners



### Westario Power Inc.

24 East Ridge Road R.R. #2 Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 Tel: (519) 507-6937 Fax: (519) 507-6777

January 3, 2018

OSSCO (VEC)

333 Wilson Avenue Suite 406 Toronto, Ontario M3H 1T2

Regarding:

EB-2017-0084 Cost of Service Application

Dear Sir(s) or Madam(s),

Westario Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates and other charges.

Please find enclosed the related Notice of Hearing, the application and the evidence.

Any inquiries with respect to this application should be directed to my attention at 519-507-6666 x-211 or <a href="mailto:malcolm.mccallum@westario.com">malcolm.mccallum@westario.com</a>.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm McCallum VP of Finance / CFO

### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF WESTARIO POWER INC.

Westario Power Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates and other charges.

### Learn more. Have your say.

Westario Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2018. If the application is approved, a typical residential customer of Westario Power Inc. would see an increase of approximately \$2.78 each month. Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

Westario Power Inc. has also applied for approval to change other charges, including an increase to the microFIT Service Charge. 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) will be hosting a community meeting. The location and time of this meeting will be communicated through a bill insert and will also be available on the Ontario Energy Board's website (www.oeb.ca/participate/community-meetings). Community meetings are designed to allow customers to:

- Learn more about Westario Power'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 Westario Power's requests. We will question the company on its case for a rate increase and other proposals. We will also hear arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent Westario Power's customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, increase will be allowed.

Distributors such as Westario Power typically apply for a full review of their rates every five years. Any rate changes for the years in between are made by applying a formula that 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 Westario Power'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 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 become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by January 22, 2018 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 Westario Power'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-2017-0084.** 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-2017-0084** 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. Westario Power 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 **January 22, 2018.** 

### **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).



Appendix C – Website Posting

### ://westario.com/power-outages-news/

- ok [] New Tab
- Global Adjustment a 0
- ☐ Utilismart Login ( Changes to your bill
- (g) Understanding Electi & Accessibility in Ontar

Why Nov

Westario Power Inc.

≡ Menu

## 2018 Cost of Service Application, Planned Outages, News & More

# Westario Power Inc. – 2018 Cost of Service

Westario Power Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates and charges. Below is the Notice to Customers regarding the rate application and its process, as well as a copy of the application made to the Ontario Energy Board.

View the 2018 Cost of Service Application - Board File No. EB-2017-0084

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF WESTARIO POWER INC.

Westario Power Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates and other charges.

### Learn more. Have your say.

Westarlo Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2018. If the application is approved, a typical residential customer of Westario Power Inc. would see an increase of approximately \$2.78 each month. Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

Westario Power Inc. has also applied for approval to change other charges, including an increase to the microFIT Service Charge. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A COMMUNITY MEETING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will be hosting a community meeting. The location and time of this meeting will be communicated through a bill insert and will also be available on the Ontario Energy Board's webaite (www.oeb.ca/participatis/community-meetings). Community meetings are designed to allow customers to:

- Learn more about Westano Power'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



Appendix D – Screenshot of Notice of Application tweet on Twitter



Westario Power @WestarioPower · 25m

We have applied to the @OntEnergyBoard to increase our electricity distribution rates. Learn more. Have your say.



2018 Cost of Service Application, Planned Outages,...

Westario Power Inc. – 2018 Cost of Service Westario Power Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates and charges. Below is the Notice to Customers

Westario.com

\$