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Re: Westario Power Inc  
EB-2017-0084

This letter to advise you that I am against any rate increase .

From May of 2006 to November of 2016 (10 years) our hydro rates have gone up:

250% Off Peak /

176% Mid /

171% Peak.

The figures from May 2017 to July 2017 show a reduction of the rates due to an upcoming election ploy by the Wynne government.

Costs have gotten totally out of hand and are unacceptable to most Ontarians.

History shows us that these rates are simply usurious .

We need to take a good hard look at the overhead/spending within the Hydro structure and make cut backs where necessary to provide our fellow citizens a more cost efficient operation.

The taxpayers are sick and tired of being the cash cows of out of control spending.

Regards



Bill Hutton

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# 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](http://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](http://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).*



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