# IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro for 2019 Distribution Rates

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

- I, TIM CURTIS, of the City of St. Catharines, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:
  - 1. I am the President of Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. ("NOTL Hydro").
  - 2. In accordance with paragraph 1 of the Letter of Direction dated September 18, 2018, the Notice of Application and a copy of the letter was served personally to the customer who is planning to install a Combined Heat and Power Generator. A redacted copy of the material served is attached as Appendix 1.

Tim Curtis President

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VICTORIA M. BUTTERS, Deputy Clerk a Commissioner, etc., for the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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# Appendix 1

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September 19, 2018



Re: EB-2018-0056.

Dear

We have applied for a new Standby Charge on behind the meter generation in excess of 1 MW. The structure of the charge is consistent with our previous discussions.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Letter of Direction from the Ontario Energy Board as well as our Notice of Application. You have until October 1, 2018 to determine if you wish to intervene. The application is available on our website as well as the website of the OEB.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Yours truly,

Tim Curtis President

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BY E-MAIL

September 18, 2018

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## LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Mr. Klassen:

Re: Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. (Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro)
Application for 2019 Distribution Rates
OEB File Number EB-2018-0056

On September 7, 2018, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its Notice of Hearing (Notice) in the above referenced application and directed Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro to serve the Notice on parties identified in the OEB's Letter of Direction.

The OEB has determined that an additional party must also be served. The OEB therefore directs Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro to immediately serve the Notice on the customer who is planning to install a Combined Heat and Power Generator as stated in Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's application. Although the Notice states that the last date for requesting intervenor status is September 24, 2018, the party has until October 1, 2018 to apply for intervenor status.

#### You are directed:

1. To immediately and no later than September 19, 2018, serve either personally, by courier or by registered mail, a copy of this letter, the enclosed Notice, the application and the evidence on the customer(s) who would be impacted by the proposed standby charge, as referenced in Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's application in Section 2.7.1.1.5 of Exhibit 7.



2. To file with the OEB, in both electronic and hard copy format, affidavit evidence proving completion of the matters in paragraph 1 above immediately thereafter.

Please note that you must complete the matters in paragraph 1 by **September 19, 2018**. If service cannot be completed by September 19, 2018, you must inform the Registrar immediately at Registrar@oeb.ca.

You are further directed not to include any documents or materials when serving the Notice other than documents or materials expressly required by this letter of direction to be served.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Rudra Mukherji Acting Manager, Registrar Office of the Registrar

Encl.

cc: David Stevens, Applicant's Counsel

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# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.

# Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates and other charges.

Learn more. Have your say.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2019. If the application is approved, a typical residential customer of Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. would see an increase of approximately \$1.29 per month. Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. has also applied for approval of a new standby charge for large business customers with generation, to establish a new Large User class and to increase certain specific service charges and 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) is hosting a meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre, Simpson Room, 14 Anderson Lane, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario from 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) so that you can:

- Learn more about Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro. During the hearing, we will question Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro on its case for a rate increase. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate increase will be allowed.

Distributors such as Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 September 24, 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 Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's distribution services. They make up part of the Delivery line - one of the line items on your bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2018-0056**. 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-2018-0056** on the OEB website: **www.oeb.ca/notice**. You can also phone our Public Information Office at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

#### **ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS**

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 **September 24, 2018.** 

#### **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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