



CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

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Company

August 26, 2020

Ms. Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th floor
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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Canadian Niagara Power Inc. 2021 IRM Application (EB-2020-0008)
Affidavit of Service**

Further to the Board's Letter of Direction dated August 21, 2020, please find enclosed Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s Affidavit of Service.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Encl.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, C.S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B, as amended (the “Act”);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Canadian Niagara Power Inc. for an Order or Orders, pursuant to section 78 of the Act, approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other service charges for the distribution of electricity effective January 1, 2021.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, Gregory Beharriell, of the City of Niagara Falls, in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am the Manager, Regulatory Affairs for Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (“CNPI”), which is the applicant in the above-referenced proceeding EB-2020-0008 (the “Application”). As such, I have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed. Where the information set out in this affidavit is based upon information which I have received from others, I have stated the source of that information and believe it to be true.
2. In accordance with paragraph 1 of the Board’s Letter of Direction dated August 21, 2020 (the “Letter”) (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**), I can confirm that, on August 24, 2020, Rodney Barber, Regulatory Analyst, served copies of the English and French language versions of the Notice (copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit “B”**), directly on Energy Probe, School Energy Coalition and Vulnerable Electricity Consumer Coalition via email.
3. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the Letter, I can confirm that, on August 24, 2020, Rodney Barber, Regulatory Analyst, served copies of the English and French language versions of the Notice directly on Hydro One Networks Inc., which receives electricity distribution service from CNPI as an embedded distributor, via email.
4. Copies of the emails referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above are attached hereto as **Exhibit “C”**.
5. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Letter, I can confirm that as of August 25, 2020, CNPI has made a copy of the English and French language versions of the Notice, the Application and the evidence and in a prominent place on its website at www.cnpower.com. A screenshot of the relevant page of CNPI’s website is attached hereto as **Exhibit “D”**.

6. Further to paragraph 3 of the Letter, CNPI is unable to make the Application available for public review at its office, as a result of ongoing access restrictions resulting from the COVID-19. Upon request, CNPI will however mail or otherwise provide a printed copy of the Application for any customer unable to review the Application electronically.
7. In accordance with paragraph 5 of the Letter, I confirm that CNPI will provide a copy of the Notice, Application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of
Fort Erie this 26 day of August, 2020.

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Gregory Beharriell

CRAIG ROBERT ARTHUR DAVID

Exhibit "A"

Letter of Direction

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. – Application for 2021 Rates

This Exhibit "A" referred to in the affidavit of Gregory Beharriell sworn before me this 26 day of August, 2020.



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BY E-MAIL

August 21, 2020

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LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Mr. Beharriell:

**Re: Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (Canadian Niagara Power)
Application for 2021 Rates
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2020-0008**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Hearing for Canadian Niagara Power's application for 2021 Rates under the OEB's Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting framework (Notice). Please note that you must complete the steps noted in paragraphs 1 through 3, **by September 1, 2020**. If you are unable to complete the steps within the noted timeframe, you must inform the Registrar immediately at Registrar@oeb.ca.

You are directed:

1. No later than the date the Notice is posted on Canadian Niagara Power's website in accordance with paragraph 3, to serve a copy of each of the English and French versions of the enclosed Notice, the application and the evidence, directly on Energy Probe, School Energy Coalition and Vulnerable Electricity Consumer Coalition.
2. If Canadian Niagara Power is a Host Distributor, to no later than the date the Notice is posted on Canadian Niagara Power's website in accordance with paragraph 3, serve a copy of both versions of the Notice directly on its Embedded Distributor.
3. To make a copy of both the English and French versions of the Notice, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Canadian Niagara Power's office and in a prominent place on Canadian Niagara Power's website.

4. To file with the OEB an affidavit in both electronic and paper forms proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1 through 3 above immediately thereafter.
5. To provide a copy of the Notice, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

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

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary

Encl.

Exhibit "B"

English and French Language Notices of Application

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. – Application for 2021 Rates

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has applied to increase its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2021.

Learn more. Have your say.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2021. If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer of Canadian Niagara Power Inc. would see an increase of approximately \$1.61 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 Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s request to recover the costs and carrying charges, resulting from the damage caused to its distributing system by a windstorm.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Canadian Niagara Power's application. We will determine whether the company has used the applicable models and formulas required by the OEB and whether to approve Canadian Niagara Power's request to recover windstorm related costs and carrying charges. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB's hearing. 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 Canadian Niagara 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 become an intervenor. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Canadian Niagara Power's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Canadian Niagara Power's request. Apply by **September 11, 2020**, 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 Canadian Niagara Power's request to recover windstorm related costs and carrying charges.

LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Canadian Niagara Power'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-2020-0008**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2020-0008** on the OEB website: 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. Canadian Niagara 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 **September 11, 2020**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be placed 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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AVIS DE LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO AUX CLIENTS DE CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

Canadian Niagara Power inc. a déposé une demande d'augmentation de ses tarifs de distribution d'électricité qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2021.

Renseignez-vous. Donnez votre avis.

Canadian Niagara Power inc. a déposé une requête auprès de la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario en vue d'obtenir une augmentation de ses tarifs de distribution d'électricité entrant en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2021. Si la demande est approuvée telle quelle, les consommateurs résidentiels moyens de Canadian Niagara Power inc. verront leur facture mensuelle moyenne augmenter d'environ 1,61 \$. Les autres clients, y compris les entreprises, pourraient également être concernés.

La demande d'augmentation des tarifs est établie à l'aide d'une formule liée à l'inflation et approuvée par la CEO, ainsi qu'à d'autres facteurs visant à favoriser l'efficacité de la distribution. Cette augmentation comprend également la demande de Canadian Niagara Power inc. visant à ce qu'elle récupère les coûts et les frais financiers découlant des dommages qu'une tempête de vent a causés à son réseau de distribution.

LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO TIENDRA UNE AUDIENCE PUBLIQUE

La Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (CEO) tiendra une audience publique afin d'étudier la demande de Canadian Niagara Power. Nous déterminerons si l'entreprise a utilisé les modèles et les formules applicables exigés par la CEO et s'il y a lieu d'approuver la demande de Canadian Niagara Power visant à ce qu'elle récupère les coûts et frais financiers liés à la tempête de vent. Nous entendrons également les questions et arguments des personnes qui se sont inscrites pour participer (appelées « intervenants ») à l'audience de la CEO. À l'issue de cette audience, la CEO décidera du bien-fondé d'une augmentation des tarifs et, le cas échéant, du montant du changement tarifaire à venir.

La CEO est une agence publique indépendante et impartiale. Les décisions que nous prenons visent à servir au mieux l'intérêt public. Notre objectif est d'encourager le développement d'un secteur de l'énergie efficace et financièrement viable, afin d'offrir des services énergétiques fiables à un prix raisonnable.

RENSEIGNEZ-VOUS ET DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

Vous avez le droit d'être informé au sujet de cette demande et de participer au processus.

- Vous pouvez consulter la demande de Canadian Niagara Power sur le site Web de la CEO dès maintenant.
- Vous pouvez déposer une lettre de commentaires qui sera prise en compte au cours de l'audience.
- Vous pouvez participer à titre d'intervenant. En tant qu'intervenant, vous pouvez poser des questions sur la demande de Canadian Niagara Power et présenter des raisons pour lesquelles la CEO devrait approuver la demande de Canadian Niagara Power. Inscrivez-vous avant le **11 septembre 2020**, faute de quoi l'audience aura lieu sans votre participation et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de la présente affaire.
- Vous pourrez consulter la décision rendue par la CEO à l'issue de la procédure ainsi que les motifs de sa décision sur notre site Web.

La CEO envisage d'accorder dans la présente affaire une adjudication des rais conformément aux *Directives de pratique concernant l'adjudication des frais*, et seulement en ce qui concerne la demande de Canadian Niagara Power visant à ce qu'elle récupère les coûts et frais financiers liés à la tempête de vent.

EN SAVOIR PLUS

Les tarifs proposés sont relatifs aux services de distribution de Canadian Niagara Power. Ils sont inscrits à la ligne « livraison » de votre facture d'électricité. Le numéro de référence de ce dossier est **EB-2020-0008**. Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur cette audience, sur les démarches à suivre pour déposer une lettre avec vos commentaires ou pour participer en tant qu'intervenant, ou encore pour consulter les documents relatifs à ce dossier, veuillez entrer le numéro de référence **EB-2020-0008** sur le site Web de la CEO : www.oeb.ca/participe. Pour toute question, vous pouvez également communiquer avec notre centre des relations avec les consommateurs au 1 877 632-2727.

AUDIENCES ORALES OU AUDIENCES ÉCRITES

Il existe deux types d'audiences à la CEO : les audiences orales et les audiences écrites. Canadian Niagara Power a demandé une audience écrite. La CEO examine cette demande à l'heure actuelle. Si vous estimez qu'avoir recours à une audience orale serait préférable, vous pouvez écrire à la CEO pour lui présenter vos arguments d'ici le **11 septembre 2020**.

PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre seront ajoutés au dossier public et au site Web de la CEO. Toutefois, votre numéro de téléphone, votre adresse de domicile et votre adresse électronique ne seront pas rendus publics. Si vous représentez une entreprise, tous les

renseignements de l'entreprise demeureront accessibles au public. Si vous participez à titre d'intervenant, tous vos renseignements personnels seront rendus publics.

Cette audience sur les tarifs sera tenue en vertu de l'article 78 de la Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario, L.O. chap. 15 (annexe B).



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Exhibit "C"

Emails to Intervenors and Hydro One Networks Inc.

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From: [Barber, Rodney](#)
To: ["jay@shepherdruenstein.com"; "mark@shepherdruenstein.com"; "markgarner@rogers.com"; "bharper.consultant@bell.net"; DavidMacIntosh](#)
Subject: CNPI 2021 IRM Application - Notice of Application
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:58:00 AM
Attachments: [CNPI 2021 IRM Application 20200807.pdf](#)
[Notice CNPI 2021 Rates 20200821.pdf](#)
[Notice CNPI FR Rates 20200821.pdf](#)

Please find attached notices in both English and French for Canadian Niagara Power's 2021 IRM application. In addition, attached is a copy of the application that was submitted to the Board.

Regards,

Rod Barber

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To: regulatory@hydroone.com
Subject: CNPI Notice of Application
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:01:00 AM
Attachments: [Notice CNPI 2021 Rates 20200821.pdf](#)
[Notice CNPI FR Rates 20200821.pdf](#)

Please find attached a copy of the notice of application in both English and French for CNPI's 2021 IRM application.

Regards,

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Exhibit "D"

Screenshot of CNPI Website

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Please see the following document links for complete details

- CNPI Notice of Application (English)
- CNPI Notice of Application (French)
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