#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B) (the "Act");

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. for an Order or Orders made pursuant to section 78 of the Act, approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity, effective January 1, 2022.

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, Danilo Gapic, of the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

- 1. I am an employee of Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Milton Hydro"). In my role as Director, Regulatory Affairs with Milton Hydro, I have been responsible for the development of Milton Hydro's application to the Ontario Energy Board (the "OEB") and in that capacity have overseen the service of the Notice of Hearing issued by the OEB on August 26, 2021 in proceeding EB-2021-0042 (the "Notice") and, as such, have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed.
- 2. Further to Section 1 of the OEB's Letter of Direction dated August 26, 2021 (the "Letter") (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), I arranged for and confirm that as of September 2, 2021, Milton Hydro has posted the Notice (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"), as well as the application and the evidence, on Milton Hydro's website at http://www.miltonhydro.com/News/2022-IRM-Rate-Application (a screenshot of Milton Hydro's website showing where the material has been posted is attached hereto as Exhibit "C").
- 3. Further to Section 2 of the Letter, I confirm that, on August 31, 2021, I served copies of the Notice, along with a direct link to the application and the evidence on the OEB's website, by electronic mail to each of the recipients using the email addresses listed in Exhibit "D".

Affirmed remotely by Danilo Gapic stated as being located in the City of Vaughan, Ontario, before me in the Town of Oakville, Ontario, on the  $2^{nd}$  day of September, 2021, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.

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Danilo Gapic

#### Exhibit "A"

#### Letter of Direction

This Exhibit "A" referred to in the Affidavit of Danilo Gapic affirmed remotely before me in the Town of Oakville, Ontario, on the  $2^{nd}$  day of September, 2021, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.

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**BY E-MAIL** 

August 26, 2021

Dan Gapic Director, Regulatory Affairs Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. 200 Chisholm Drive Milton ON L9T 3G9 gapicd@miltonhydro.com

### LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Mr. Gapic:

#### Re: Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (Milton Hydro) Application for 2022 Distribution Rates Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2021-0042

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Hearing for Milton Hydro's application for 2022 Distribution Rates under the OEB's Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting framework (Notice). Please note that you must complete the steps in paragraphs 1 and 2 by **September 5, 2021**. If you are not able to complete the noted steps by **September 5, 2021**, you must inform the Registrar immediately at registrar@oeb.ca.

You are directed:

- 1. To immediately post the Notice, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, in a prominent place on Milton Hydro's website.
- 2. To arrange for the service of the enclosed Notice, the application and the evidence, directly on all intervenors in Milton Hydro's previous rate application **EB-2015-0089**, namely:
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation
  - School Energy Coalition
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
- 3. To file with the OEB an affidavit proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1 and 2 above immediately thereafter.

4. 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

Encl.

#### Exhibit "B"

#### Notice of Application

This Exhibit "B" referred to in the Affidavit of Danilo Gapic affirmed remotely before me in the Town of Oakville, Ontario, on the 2nd day of September, 2021, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.

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### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC.

# Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2022.

### Learn more. Have your say.

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2022. If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. would see the following increase:

Rate Class	Monthly Bill Impact
Residential 750 kWh	\$0.60 per month
General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh)	\$10.20 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.

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. is also requesting approval to change its Low Voltage Service Rate and to align its rate year, which runs from May to April, to match its fiscal year, which runs from January to December.

It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you will be affected by the requested approvals.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Milton Hydro's application. We will determine whether the company has used the applicable models and formulas required by the OEB and whether to approve Milton Hydro's request to align its rate year as well as its request to update the Low Voltage Service Rate. 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 Milton Hydro'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 Milton Hydro's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Milton Hydro's request. Apply by September 15, 2021 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 Milton Hydro's request to update the Low Voltage Service Rate.

#### LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Milton 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-2021-0042**. 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-2021-0042** on the OEB website: <u>www.oeb.ca/participate</u>. You can also phone our Public Information 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 **September 15, 2021**.

#### 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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#### Exhibit "C"

#### Screenshot of Milton Hydro's Website

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### **Incentive Rate** Mechanism (IRM) Rate Application



Elfective May 1, 2021 the Ontario Government has reduced the ONTARIO ELECTRICITY REBATE to 18.90% from 21.2%.



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#### Exhibit "D"

#### List of Recipients Served by Email

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