

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF NORTH BAY HYDRO DISTRIBUTION LIMITED AND ESPANOLA REGIONAL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION

North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation have applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to amalgamate and continue operations as a single new local electricity distribution company.

Learn more. Have your say.

North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation have jointly asked the Ontario Energy Board to approve:

- Leave for North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation to amalgamate and continue as a corporation referred to in the application as New North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited
- The transfer of the current and any future rate orders and rate riders of Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation to New North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited
- The amendment of North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited's distribution license to include Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation's service territory
- The cancellation of Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation's distribution license
- The continued tracking of costs by New North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited to existing deferral and variance accounts of North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation

In an earlier Decision and Order, dated August 22, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board approved the first phase of this two-phase transaction, which included the amalgamation of North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc. with Espanola Regional Hydro Holdings Corporation and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation, with the amalgamated entity continuing under the name Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation's application. We will question the companies on the case. 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 whether to approve the application.

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 the 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 the application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation's request. Apply by **January 24, 2022** 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

Our file number for this case is **EB-2021-0312**. 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, select the file number **EB-2021-0312** from the list on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice. 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. North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation have applied for a written hearing. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **January 24, 2022**.

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 hearing will be held under sections 18, 74, 77(5) and 86(1)(c) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.



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