

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

The Independent Electricity System Operator in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity has applied for approval of the Smart Metering Charge for the period, January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027.

Learn more. Have your say.

The Independent Electricity System Operator in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity, has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of the following:

- A Smart Metering Charge of \$0.43 per meter per month, for residential and general service less than 50kW customers, to be charged to each electricity distributor for a 5-year period, beginning January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027
- A revenue requirement of \$137.5 million for the period 2023 to 2027
- To establish the Operating Reserve Balancing Account and to discontinue the Balancing Variance Account and its associated sub-accounts, beginning January 1, 2023
- An operating reserve of up to \$2.5 million in the Operating Reserve Balancing Account
- To continue the practice of sharing a draft of the annual Cost and Variance Report by April 30 of each year with parties for review and filing a final version of the Report with the Ontario Energy Board by May 31 of each year
- To dispose of any surplus balance in the Operating Reserve Balancing Account based on certain conditions.

The current OEB-approved Smart Metering Charge is \$0.57 per meter per month. The Smart Metering Charge covers the costs of developing and operating the Meter Data Management/Repository, which is used to collect, manage, store and retrieve smart metering data.

In a separate Decision and Order dated April 14, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board approved the Smart Metering Entity's request to charge, on an interim basis, a Smart Metering Charge of \$0.43 per meter per month effective April 1, 2022.

Please review the application for more information on the approvals requested and to determine how you may be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity (SME). During the hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, we will question the IESO/SME on its case for a decrease to the Smart Metering Charge. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent affected customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, change to the Smart Metering Charge 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 the IESO/SME'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 the IESO/SME's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve the IESO/SME's request. Apply by **May 5, 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

The proposed charge appears on the Regulatory Charges line of your electricity bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2022-0137**. 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 select the file number **EB-2022-0137** 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. The IESO/SME has 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 **May 5, 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 section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B and section 58 of the Electricity Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule A



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