



CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

A **FORTIS** ONTARIO
Company

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 distribution rates effective January 1, 2023.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

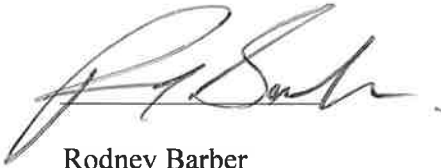
I, Rodney Barber, of the Town of Ridgeway, in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am the Regulatory Analyst for Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (“CNPI”), which is the applicant in the above-referenced proceeding EB-2022-0019 (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 19, 2022 (the “Letter”) (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**), I can confirm that, on August 22, 2022, CNPI has made a copy of the English and French language versions of the Notice, the Application and the evidence available for public review in a prominent place on its website at www.cnpower.com. Screenshots of relevant pages of CNPI’s website are attached hereto as **Exhibit “B”**.
3. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the Letter, I served copies of the English and French language versions of the Notice (copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit “C”**), directly on all intervenors of record in CNPI’s previous cost of service rate proceeding via email. Copies of the emails are attached hereto as **Exhibit “D”**.
4. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Letter, this affidavit meets the requirement to file an affidavit proving completion of the paragraph 1 through 2 of the Letter.

SWORN BEFORE ME via video)
conference from the City of Welland, in the)
Province of Ontario to the Town of)
Ridgeway in the Province of Ontario on the)
22nd day of August, 2022.)
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Craig David (LSO No. 67474V)



Rodney Barber

Exhibit "A"

Letter of Direction

This Exhibit "A" referred to in the affidavit of Rodney Barber sworn before me this 22nd day of August, 2022.



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BY E-MAIL

August 19, 2022

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LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Mr. King:

**Re: Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (CNPI)
Application for 2023 Distribution Rates
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0019**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Hearing for CNPI's application for 2023 distribution rates (Notice). Please note that you must complete the steps in paragraphs 1 and 2 by **August 28, 2022**. If you are not able to complete the noted steps by **August 28, 2022**, 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, on CNPI's website.
2. To arrange for the service of the enclosed Notice, the application and the evidence, directly on all intervenors of record in EB-2021-0011.
3. To file with the OEB and affidavit proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1 and 2 above immediately thereafter.

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,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

Encl.

Exhibit "B"

Screenshots of CNPI Website

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Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has Applied to Increase its Electricity Distribution Rates

Aug 22, 2022

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to change our electricity distribution rates. Please review the Ontario Energy Board's Notice of Hearing in English [here](#) or French [here](#) to learn more and to find out how you can participate in the Ontario Energy Board's hearing.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s [IRM Application](#), as well as supporting evidence, is available for review on the OEB's website.

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.
- 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 7, 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 their website [www.oeb.ca](#).

Exhibit "C"

English and French Language Notices of Application

This Exhibit "C" referred to in the affidavit of Rodney Barber sworn before me this 22nd day of August, 2022.



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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, 2023.

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, 2023. If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Canadian Niagara Power Inc. would see the following increase:

Rate Class	Monthly Bill Impact
Residential 750 kWh	\$5.33 per month
General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh)	\$11.41 per month

The requested rate increase is set using an OEB-approved formula which is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has also applied to recover the costs (and carrying charges) related to the damage caused to its distribution system by a windstorm. Canadian Niagara Power Inc. is proposing to recover these costs from customers over a 12 month period and the above-noted bill impacts reflect the impact of this proposal.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has also applied to adjust previously approved balances in Account 1588 – Retail Settlement Variance Account Power and Account 1589 – Retail Settlement Variance Account Global Adjustment and to dispose of the balances in these and other Group 1 accounts.

Please review the application for the complete list of approvals requested and to determine whether you will be affected by the changes proposed in the application.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'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 Inc.'s request to recover windstorm related costs and carrying charges, to dispose of its deferral and variance account balances and to make adjustments for certain account balances. 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.

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You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'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 Inc.'s application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s request. Apply by **September 7, 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

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 Inc.'s request to recover storm related costs and its request to adjust and dispose of the balances in Account 1588 and Account 1589.

LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'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-2022-0019**. 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-2022-0019** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. 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 7, 2022**.

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 2023.

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 2023. Si la requête est approuvée telle quelle, la facture d'un client résidentiel type et d'un client de services généraux type de Canadian Niagara Power Inc. serait modifiée de la manière suivante :

Catégorie tarifaire	Conséquence sur la facture mensuelle
Client résidentiel (750 kWh)	5,33\$ par mois
Client de services généraux dont la demande est inférieure à 50 kW (2 000 kWh)	11,41\$ par mois

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.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. a également demandé le recouvrement des coûts (et frais financiers) liés aux dommages causés à son réseau de distribution par une tempête de vent. Canadian Niagara Power Inc. propose de recouvrer ces coûts auprès des clients sur une période de 12 mois et les conséquences sur la facture susmentionnées reflètent l'impact de cette proposition.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. a également demandé d'ajuster les soldes précédemment approuvés du compte 1588 - Compte d'écart de règlement de détail - Service et du compte 1589 - Compte d'écart de règlement de détail - Ajustement global et de disposer des soldes de ces comptes et d'autres comptes du groupe 1.

Veuillez examiner la demande afin d'obtenir la liste complète des approbations demandées et pour déterminer si vous serez touché par les changements proposés dans la demande.

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 Inc.. 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 Inc. visant à ce qu'elle récupère les coûts et frais financiers liés à la tempête de vent, qu'elle dispose des soldes de ses comptes de report et d'écart et qu'elle puisse effectuer des ajustements pour certains soldes de comptes. 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 requête et de participer au processus.

- Vous pouvez consulter la demande de Canadian Niagara Power Inc. 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 Inc. et présenter des raisons pour lesquelles la CEO devrait approuver la demande de Canadian Niagara Power Inc.. Inscrivez-vous avant le **7 septembre 2022**, 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 frais conformément aux *Directives de pratique concernant l'adjudication des frais*, et uniquement en ce qui a trait à la demande déposée par Canadian Niagara Power Inc. de recouvrer les coûts liés à la tempête et sa demande d'ajuster et de disposer des soldes des comptes 1588 et 1589.

EN SAVOIR PLUS

Les tarifs proposés sont relatifs aux services de distribution de Canadian Niagara Power Inc. Ils sont inscrits à la ligne « Livraison », l'un des éléments figurant sur votre facture d'électricité. Le numéro de référence de ce dossier est **EB -2022-0019**. 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 saisir le numéro de référence **EB -2022-0019** sur le site Web de la CEO : www.oeb.ca/fr/participez. Pour toute question, vous pouvez également communiquer avec notre centre d'information du public 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. La Commission envisage de favoriser l'audience écrite dans cette affaire. Si vous pensez qu'une audience orale est nécessaire, vous pouvez faire part de vos arguments par écrit à la CEO au plus tard le **7 septembre 2022**.

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 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 "D"

Emails to Intervenors of Record

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From: [Barber, Rodney](#)
To: [jgirvan](#)
Subject: EB-2022-0019
Date: August 22, 2022 8:57:00 AM
Attachments: [Notice CNPI 2023 rates 20220819.pdf](#)
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Regards,

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To: regulatory@hydroone.com
Subject: EB-2022-0019
Date: August 22, 2022 8:59:00 AM
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To: [Thibeau, Dave](#)
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Subject: EB-2022-0019
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