**IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, being Schedule B to the Energy Competition Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Burlington Hydro Inc. to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order or Orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity as of May 1, 2023, Board File No. EB-2022-0018.

I, Sally Blackwell, of the Town of Oakville, Province of Ontario

## DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT

I am the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Burlington Hydro Inc. ("BHI"), and as such have knowledge of the matters herein deposed to:

- I posted a copy of the Notice, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, on BHI's website by November 1, 2022. A screenshot of the relevant page of BHI's website is attached to this Affidavit as Schedule "A".
- I arranged for the service of the Notice, the application and the evidence, directly on all intervenors of record in BHI's previous rate application EB-2020-0007 by November 1, 2022. The service was effected by e-mail. A printout out of the electronic mails is attached to this Affidavit as Schedule "B".
- 3. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Schedule "C" to this Affidavit.

Sally Blackwell

Declared before me at the City of Burlington in the Regional Municipality of Halton this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2022.

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# SCHEDULE "A"



Distribution Rates and Charges

Burlington Hydro Inc.'s distribution rates and services are regulated by the Ontario Energy Board, an independent provincial government agency.

Burlington Hydro Inc. filed its <u>Distribution Rate Application</u> with the Ontario Energy Board on October 7, 2022 seeking approval to change the rates that Burlington Hydro charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2023. The Ontario Energy Board assigned case number EB-2022-0018 to this application.

Please review the Ontario Energy Board's Notice of Hearing to learn more and to find out how you can participate.

For live versions of excel files and supporting evidence submitted as part of Burlington Hydro Inc.'s application EB-2022-0018, view application documents on Ontario Energy Board web site.

## Currently Approved Rates and Order

Burlington Hydro's current distribution rates approved by the OEB and effective May 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022 is: Decision and Order - Effective May 1, 2022

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## SCHEDULE "C"

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE** TO CUSTOMERS OF BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.

Burlington Hydro Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2023.

Learn more. Have your say.

Burlington Hydro Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2023. If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Burlington Hydro Inc. would see the following increase:

Rate Class	Monthly Bill Impact
Residential 750 kWh	\$1.06 per month
General Service less than 50 kW (2,000 kWh)	\$0.80 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.

The rate increase also includes Burlington Hydro Inc.'s request to recover the costs (and carrying charges) related to the damage caused to its distribution system by a windstorm. Burlington Hydro 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.

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 Denergy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Burlington Hydro's application. We will determine whether the company has used the applicable models and formulas required by the OEB and whether to approve Burlington Hydro'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 Burlington 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 Burlington Hydro's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Burlington Hydro's request. Apply by November 11, 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 Burlington Hydro's request to recover storm related costs.

#### LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Burlington 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-2022-0018. 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-2022-0018 on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any guestions.

#### ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings - oral and written. Burlington Hydro has applied for a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by November 11, 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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