

# NOTICE OF A HEARING

## Utility Amalgamation

### Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied for approval to acquire Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation

**Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (CPUC) have asked the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval for Hydro One to acquire CPUC and continue operations as Hydro One.**

**The applicants state that the transaction and integration costs will not harm customers and will promote economic efficiency and cost-effectiveness in the distribution of electricity. They also state that the transaction will facilitate the maintenance of a financially viable electricity industry.**

#### **The applicants are asking the OEB to:**

- Approve the sale of CPUC distribution system assets to Hydro One
- Amend Hydro One's electricity distribution licence to include the assets acquired from CPUC
- Cancel CPUC's electricity distribution licence and Hydro One's interim electricity distribution licence when the amended electricity distribution licence for Hydro One is issued
- Approve the transition of CPUC's customers to Hydro One's existing OEB-approved distribution rates and service charges
- Approve the continued use of CPUC's existing OEB-approved regulatory accounts, including the continued use of a deferral account used to record the costs of operation and maintenance of CPUC outside of what rates were previously established, and allow Hydro One to seek disposition of any balances at a future date
- Approve the continued use of CPUC's existing OEB-approved rate riders until expiry
- Approve the creation of a Bill Impact Mitigation deferral account and a Chapleau Historical Land Rights deferral account
- Provide relief from section 3.5.11 of the Standard Supply Service Code and sections 2.6 and 10.6.3 of the Retail Settlement Code, to, in effect, migrate customers into Hydro One's customer billing systems as "new" customers

#### **YOU SHOULD KNOW**

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicants have requested that the application be adjudicated without a hearing, however the OEB plans to proceed with a written hearing. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why.

During this hearing, we will hear questions and arguments from participants about this case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as intervenors. After the hearing, we will decide whether to approve the application.

#### **HAVE YOUR SAY**

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit [www.oeb.ca/notice](http://www.oeb.ca/notice) and use file number **EB-2023-0328** to:

- Review the application
- Apply to become an intervenor
- File a letter with your comments

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

You must engage with the OEB on or before **February 5, 2024** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

#### **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. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

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##### **Chapleau Public Utilities**

■ 1 705-864-0111

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##### **Hydro One Networks Inc.**

■ 1 888-664-9376

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This hearing will be held under sections 74, 77, 78 and 86 of the **Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998**.

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