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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge St. 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: **Kirsten Walli**
Board Secretary

Dear Kirsten,

RE: Covering Letter re: Affidavit for Notice of Application and Hearing for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change (EB 2014-0073) for Festival Hydro Inc. ED 2002-0513 RE: January 1, 2015 Distribution Rates

Enclosed please find a copy of the affidavit required per the Letter of Direction to Festival Hydro from the Ontario Energy Board proving publication of the Notice of Application. The notice was published in the Stratford City Gazette on Thursday, June 26th, 2014. A copy of this document has been filed today via RESS.

Please contact me at 519-271-4703 ext. 268 if you have any questions regarding the information attached.

FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

Debbie Reece

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Chief Financial Officer

June 26/14
Date of Publication

Date of Service
JULY 6/14.
Intrv. / Obs. Deadline

Aug 25/14
Comments Deadline

Dated: JULY 2/14

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Board File No.: EB-2014-0073

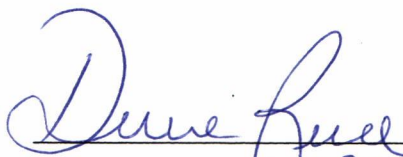
**RE: NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY
DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE**

I, DEBBIE REECE, of the City of Stratford, in the County of Perth MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

1. I am the Chief Financial Officer of Festival Hydro Inc., and as such have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
2. I caused a copy of the Notice, a copy of which Notice is annexed hereto as Schedule A to this Affidavit, to be published in one issue of the English language newspaper having the highest circulation, according to the best information available, in Festival Hydro's service area, namely The Stratford Gazette, on Thursday, June 26th, 2014.
3. I have filed with the Board a pdf version of the completed Notice including the publication date.
4. I have served a copy of the Notice directly on all intervenors of record in Festival Hydro's previous cost of service rate application proceeding EB-2009-0263, namely; Energy Probe Research Foundation, School Energy Coalition and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.
5. Festival Hydro is not a Host Distributor, so there is no Embedded Distributor(s) to serve a copy of the Notice.
6. I have made a copy of the application and evidence available for public review at Festival Hydro's office and on its website; have made a copy of the Notice available for public review at Festival Hydro's office and on its website; and will provide a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

7. I have completed the requirements of the Letter of Direction dated June 16, 2014 from the Ontario Energy Board to me, a copy of which letter is attached as Schedule B to this my affidavit.

Sworn before me at the City)
of Stratford, in the County of)
Perth this 26th day of)
June, 2014.)


DEBBIE REECE, CFO



A Commissioner, etc.

Karen Eva Van Scheyndel, a Commissioner, etc.,
Province of Ontario, for Skinner, Dunphy,
Burdett & O'Rourke LLP, Lawyers.
Expires May 8, 2017.

APPENDIX A

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

Festival Hydro Inc. has applied to lower its electricity distribution rates.

Learn more. Have your say.

Festival Hydro Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to decrease the amount it charges by \$0.36 each month for the typical residential customer beginning on January 1, 2015. Other customers, including businesses, may be affected as well.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Festival Hydro's request. We will question the company on its case for a rate change. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent Festival Hydro customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, change will be allowed.

Distributors typically apply for a full review of their rates every five years. Any rate changes for the years in between are automatically tied to inflation (and other factors intended to promote efficiency). 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 Festival Hydro's application on the OEB's website now.
- file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by July 6, 2014 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, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Festival Hydro's distribution services. They make up part of the Delivery line -- one of the five line items on your bill. Our file number for this case is EB-2014-0073. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case please select the appropriate application from the list at the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings -- oral and written. Festival Hydro has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment your name and the content of your letter or the documents you file with the OEB 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 rate hearing will be held under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B)



NEWS

Perth South

The Stratford Gazette Thursday, June 26, 2014

Already, the mayor noted, a dairy farm just north of Kirkton has been approved for and is building an on-farm processing plant within Perth South.

"We have to figure out what we can do to have more of that take place; figure out how we can retain more of our young people in the township."

He said he expects the upcoming campaign to focus on maintaining strong rural infrastructure and building economic development within the township.

And, on those matters, Wilhelm believes his record will help him prevail in the Oct. 27 vote.

"I certainly am pleased with our record, and I'll certainly stand behind it," he said. "A lot of municipalities would like to be in our position, with us not owing any money and having a sizeable reserve."

Given what seem like polar opposite views held by Wilhelm and Fuhr on the matter of reserves, it's the size of that reserve fund — pegged by Wilhelm as somewhere in the range of \$6 million — that could become the biggest issue of the Perth South campaign.

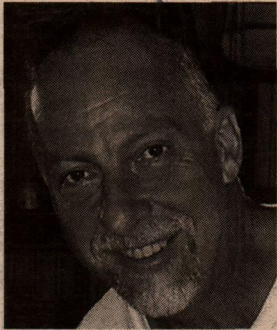
Fuhr sees no reason why the township's rainy-day-fund should have tripled in four years.

"As a township, we're saving huge amounts of money on the backs of the taxpayers," he commented.

Combine that with the increased burden on taxpayers due to a decreased population over-all, and the mayoralty challenger says Perth South is headed in the wrong direction.

Wilhelm, by contrast, says the build-up of strong reserves is crucial in an age when provincial and federal governments seem to be cutting back significantly on supporting municipal projects.

"We've got some very trying times coming . . . and we're going to require some good, strong management . . . and a good, strong reserve fund."



Roger Fuhr

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