

# NOTICE OF A HEARING

## Northern Ontario Wires Inc. has applied to change its electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2025

If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Northern Ontario Wires Inc. would see the following change:

<b>Residential (750 kWh)</b>	<b>(\$3.90) per month</b>
<b>General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh)</b>	<b>\$21.04 per month</b>

Other customers, including businesses, will also be affected. It's important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

Northern Ontario Wires Inc. has also applied for:

- Approval to introduce a Standby Power Service Classification for accounts that have a load displacement generation
- Approval to expand reconnection of meter charges to apply to customers requesting reconnection for reasons other than non-payment
- Approval of an Advanced Capital Module for a new Cochrane Municipal Transformer Station along with approval for special rate treatment to include the associated Residential customer impact in distribution rates upon project in-service
- Approval to dispose of a credit balance in a deferral and variance account referred to as a Group 2 account

### YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for, and 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.

The OEB has initiated a pilot process aimed at reducing the regulatory burden associated with filing and reviewing major rate applications for very small utilities (i.e., electricity distributors with fewer than 5,000 customers).<sup>1</sup> The applicant has requested that its application be subject to the pilot process, which would allow for a one-day meeting prior to discovery where Northern Ontario Wires Inc., OEB staff, and approved intervenors would discuss the application and the possibility of skipping

discovery and moving directly to a settlement conference. The OEB plans to proceed with the pilot process. If you think the application should not be subject to the pilot process, then 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 Intervenor. 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-2024-0046** to:

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **October 7, 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.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/846969/File/document>

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🕒 Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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#### Northern Ontario Wires Inc.

☎ (705) 272-6669

🕒 Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

🌐 [northernontariowires.com/](http://northernontariowires.com/)

This hearing will be held under section 78 of the **Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998**.

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