



**EB-2008-0339**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING  
TOWN OF COCHRANE  
APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO ACQUIRE SHARES  
OF NORTHERN ONTARIO WIRES INC.**

The Town of Cochrane ("Cochrane") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on October 17, 2008, under subsection 86(2)(a) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The application requests leave of the Board to acquire the remaining shares of Northern Ontario Wires Inc. ("Northern Ontario Wires"), a licensed electricity distributor. Cochrane is also acquiring all shares of Northern Ontario Energy Inc. ("Northern Ontario Energy"), a street lighting affiliate, but does not require Board approval for this transaction. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2008-0339.

Cochrane currently holds 67% of the shares in Northern Ontario Wires and Northern Ontario Energy. Cochrane has entered into a Share Purchase Agreement with the other shareholder of Northern Ontario Wires and Northern Ontario Energy, namely the Town of Iroquois Falls, which owns the remaining 33% of the shares. The share purchase transaction will make Cochrane the sole shareholder of Northern Ontario Wires and Northern Ontario Energy, with 100% shareholdings.

The application states that no service changes, rate changes, or any other changes affecting consumers will result from the proposed transaction.

**How to See the Application**

A copy of the application and related documents are available for inspection at the Board's offices in Toronto. A copy can also be viewed at Cochrane's offices at the address indicated below.

**How to Participate in the Hearing**

The application will be decided by way of written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. If you object to a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any objections to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant within 7 days of the publication date of this notice.

If you wish to participate in the written hearing, please file a written submission setting out your views on the application. You must forward three paper copies, and if possible, an electronic copy in Word format and in searchable PDF format, of your submission to the Board and one copy to the applicant at the addresses below. All submissions must be received no later than 10 days after the publication date of this notice. If Cochrane wishes to respond to the submissions, such response must be filed with the Board and copied to any party that made submissions no later than 17 days after the publication date of this notice.

All submissions must quote file no. EB-2008-0339, and clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

**Need More Information?**

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca) or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

**IMPORTANT**

**IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING A SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.**

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