

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. AND PETERBOROUGH DISTRIBUTION INC.

Peterborough Distribution Inc. has applied for approval to amalgamate with Peterborough Utilities Services Inc. and then sell its electricity distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc.

Learn more. Have your say.

Peterborough Distribution Inc. has applied for approval to amalgamate with Peterborough Utilities Services Inc.; to transfer its distribution licence and rate order to the amalgamated company (AmalCo); and to then sell the distribution system to 1937680 Ontario Inc. Approval to transfer the AmalCo distribution licence and rate order to 1937680 Ontario Inc. is also requested. Hydro One Inc. is the parent company of 1937680 Ontario Inc.

1937680 Ontario Inc. has applied for approval to operate the distribution system for up to 18 months while the distribution system is integrated with Hydro One Networks Inc.'s system. 1937680 Ontario Inc. has applied for approval to dispose of the distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc. upon completion of the integration. Approval to transfer the rate order to Hydro One Networks Inc.; to amend Hydro One Networks Inc.'s distribution licence; and to cancel the 1937680 Ontario Inc. licence is also requested.

Hydro One Networks Inc. says that ratepayers will not pay the transaction costs or the premium or up-front integration costs.

The application also asks for approval to:

- Change Peterborough Distribution Inc.'s Specific Services Charges to align with Hydro One Networks Inc.'s charges, at the time of transfer to Hydro One Networks Inc.
- Defer the rebasing of Peterborough Distribution Inc.'s distribution rates for 10 years
- Implement a 1% reduction in Peterborough Distribution Inc.'s base distribution delivery rates for residential, general service and large use customers for the first five years
- Establish an earnings sharing mechanism between years 6 and 10, to share the increased benefits of consolidation

For a full list of the approvals requested, please carefully review the application.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application. We will question the companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of both Hydro One Networks Inc. and Peterborough Distribution Inc. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

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 the application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the 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 active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **January 9, 2019** 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.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2018-0242**. 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 enter the file number **EB-2018-0242** on the OEB website: www.oeb.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. The applicants have requested 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 by **January 9, 2019**.

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. 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 hearing will be held under sections 86(1)(c), 86(1)(a), 78, 18, 77(5) and 74 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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