

Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to change the amount it charges to transmit electricity in Ontario and its electricity distribution rates and other charges.

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Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of a plan to set the amount it charges for using its transmission system and the amount it charges for electricity distribution in each of five years beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2027.

Transmission Ratepayers

The Ontario Energy Board’s decision on the transmission portion of this application will have an effect on all electricity consumers in Ontario. The cost of transmission is reflected in the delivery charges included on customer bills.

If the transmission portion of the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Hydro One Networks Inc. would see the following monthly changes:

| | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
|--|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| R1 Residential 750 kWh | (\$0.43) | \$0.49 | \$0.61 | \$0.77 | \$0.52 |
| General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh) | (\$0.90) | \$1.03 | \$1.30 | \$1.62 | \$1.11 |

The changes for customers of other electricity distributors across the province may vary depending on the customer’s electricity usage and the electricity distributor that serves them.

Other customers, including businesses, may be affected as well.

Hydro One Distribution Customers

The Ontario Energy Board’s decision on the distribution portion of this application will only have an effect on distribution customers of Hydro One Networks Inc.

If the distribution portion of the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Hydro One Networks Inc. would see the following monthly changes that are in addition to the transmission changes noted above:

| | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
|---|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| R1 Residential 750 kWh (without Distribution Rate Protection) | (\$2.78) | \$1.40 | \$2.36 | \$3.18 | \$2.26 |
| General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh) | (\$8.32) | \$1.43 | \$6.12 | \$8.38 | \$6.99 |

Seasonal rates are being considered in a separate proceeding (EB-2020-0246), but are expected to be implemented in this proceeding.

Other customers, including businesses, may be affected as well.

Hydro One Acquired Distribution Customers

Hydro One Networks Inc. previously acquired the electricity distribution assets of Norfolk Power, Haldimand County Hydro and Woodstock Hydro. If the application is approved, a typical former residential customer of these three distributors, using 750 kWh per month, would see changes as set out in the table below that are in addition to the transmission changes noted above:

| | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
|------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Norfolk Power | \$0.90 | \$1.51 | \$1.38 | \$1.86 | \$1.58 |
| Haldimand County Hydro | \$0.88 | \$1.51 | \$1.38 | \$1.86 | \$1.58 |
| Woodstock Hydro | (\$1.02) | \$1.24 | \$1.14 | \$1.53 | \$1.30 |

Other former customers of these distributors, including businesses, may be affected as well.

Although Hydro One Networks Inc. has also acquired the electricity distribution assets of Peterborough Hydro and Orillia Hydro, distribution rates for former customers of these distributors will not be impacted by this application.

Other

Hydro One Networks Inc. has also applied to change other miscellaneous charges, conditions of service, rate class requirements, and establish new rate classes. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by these changes.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One’s application. During this hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, we will question Hydro One on its case for a rate change. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB’s hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate change will be allowed.

If Hydro One’s application is approved, the OEB’s review in the years 2023 through 2027 will be limited to ensuring certain annual adjustments are made in accordance with the approved rate plan. Utilities such as Hydro One typically apply for a full review of their rates every five years. Any rate changes for the years in between are made by applying an OEB-approved formula which is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. You may not get notice of future rate changes made by applying the formula.

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 Hydro One’s 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 intervenor. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Hydro One’s application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Hydro One’s request. Apply by **September 14, 2021** 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

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These proposed changes relate to Hydro One’s transmission and distribution services and provide the total bill impacts. Our file number for this case is **EB-2021-0110**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, select the file number **EB-2021-0110** from the list on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARING

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Hydro One has requested an oral hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you have comments, you can write to the OEB by **September 14, 2021**.

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 rate hearing will be held under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

