

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

**Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has applied to increase its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2023.**

**Learn more. Have your say.**

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2023. If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Canadian Niagara Power Inc. would see the following increase:

Rate Class	Monthly Bill Impact
Residential 750 kWh	\$5.33 per month
General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh)	\$11.41 per month

The requested rate increase is set using an OEB-approved formula which is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has also applied to recover the costs (and carrying charges) related to the damage caused to its distribution system by a windstorm. Canadian Niagara Power Inc. is proposing to recover these costs from customers over a 12 month period and the above-noted bill impacts reflect the impact of this proposal.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has also applied to adjust previously approved balances in Account 1588 – Retail Settlement Variance Account Power and Account 1589 – Retail Settlement Variance Account Global Adjustment and to dispose of the balances in these and other Group 1 accounts.

Please review the application for the complete list of approvals requested and to determine whether you will be affected by the changes proposed in the application.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s application. We will determine whether the company has used the applicable models and formulas required by the OEB and whether to approve Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s request to recover windstorm related costs and carrying charges, to dispose of its deferral and variance account balances and to make adjustments for certain account balances. 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 increase will be allowed.

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 Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'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 Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s request. Apply by **September 7, 2022** 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

The OEB intends to consider cost awards in this proceeding that are in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and only in relation to Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s request to recover storm related costs and its request to adjust and dispose of the balances in Account 1588 and Account 1589.

## LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s distribution services. They make up part of the Delivery line - one of the line items on your bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2022-0019**. 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, please enter the file number **EB-2022-0019** on the OEB website: [www.oeb.ca/participate](http://www.oeb.ca/participate). You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

## ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed by way of a written hearing in this case. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **September 7, 2022**.

**PRIVACY**

*If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be placed 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.*



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