

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF PUC DISTRIBUTION INC.

## **PUC Distribution Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates and other charges.**

**Learn more. Have your say.**

**PUC Distribution Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2023. If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of PUC Distribution Inc. would see the following increase.**

<b>Residential 750 kWh</b>	<b>\$5.67 per month</b>
<b>General Service less than 50kW</b>	<b>\$5.09 per month</b>

**Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.**

**PUC Distribution Inc. states that above-noted increase in distribution rates is due in part to the recovery of costs related to two previously approved capital projects, namely the Sub-station 16 project and the Sault Smart Grid project.**

**PUC Distribution Inc. has also applied for approval to dispose of the balances in certain existing deferral and variance accounts including select balances in the Impact Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency Deferral Account and to establish two new deferral and variance accounts to assist with the financial transactions related to its Sault Smart Grid project.**

### **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider PUC Distribution Inc.'s application. During this hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, we will question PUC Distribution Inc. on its case for a rate increase. 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.

Distributors such as PUC Distribution Inc. 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 PUC Distribution 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 PUC Distribution Inc.'s application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve PUC Distribution Inc.'s request. Apply by **October 11, 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

### **LEARN MORE**

These proposed charges relate to PUC Distribution 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-2022-0059**. 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 select the file number **EB-2022-0059** from the list on the OEB website: [www.oeb.ca/notice](http://www.oeb.ca/notice). 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. PUC Distribution Inc. has applied for a written hearing. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **October 11, 2022**.

### **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.*



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