

EB-2007-0556

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING FOR AN

ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE

Newbury Power Inc.

Newbury Power Inc. has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on August 21, 2007 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B). The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2007-0556. This Notice contains important information about participation in the hearing associated with the applicant's rate change application ("rate proceeding") and about participation in a combined proceeding relating to rate adjustments for smart meters ("smart meter combined proceeding").

Newbury Power Inc. has applied to the Board to change its distribution rates, prospectively, effective November 1, 2007. The application has been filed on the basis of the guidelines set out in the December 20, 2006 "Report of the Board on Cost of Capital and 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors" for 2007 rates, available from the Board as described under "Need More Information?" below.

The standard electricity bill for residential and small general service customers has four line items: Electricity; Delivery, Regulatory and Debt Retirement Charge. The rate change application affects only the Delivery line of that bill. If approved,

a typical residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience an approximate decrease of 0.1% in the electricity bill. A small general service customer consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of 50 kW or lower would experience an approximate decrease of 0.1%.

Newbury Power Inc. applied for a specific rate adjustment related to smart meters. This adjustment is referred to as a "smart meter adder", and represents temporary advance funding to facilitate the acquisition and installation of smart meters through the 2007 rate year. The percentage decreases in the electricity bill referred to above do not include the amount of Newbury Power Inc.'s smart meter adder.

How to see Newbury Power Inc.'s Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's offices in Toronto and on its website, and at the Newbury Power Inc. offices and on its website, if available.

How to Participate in the Rate Proceeding

The Board intends to proceed with Newbury Power Inc.'s rate change application 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 at the addresses below no later than **10 days** from the date of publication of this Notice or, if you have been served this Notice directly, no later than 10 days from the date of service. The Board will not award costs in this matter.

Proceeding by way of written hearing, the Board requests interested parties to file submissions, in writing, setting out their 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 by the Board and the applicant at the addresses below no later than **21 days** from the date of publication of this Notice or, if you have been served this Notice directly, no later than 21 days from the date of service. If Newbury Power Inc. wishes to respond to a submission, the response must be filed with the Board and copied to the party that made the submission no later than **7 days** from the date of receipt of the submission.

How to Make Filings to the Board

All filings to the Board must quote File No. EB-2007-0556, and clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number and, when available a 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 or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN PROCEEDING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING 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.

<u>Addresses</u>

The Board:

Post: Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Board Secretary

E-mail: Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca

Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (toll free)

Fax: 416-440-7656

The Applicant:

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DATED at Toronto, September 10, 2007

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Original Signed By

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