



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING  
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.  
Application to Amend 2007 Distribution Rates**

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. ("Welland Hydro") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") 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-2007-0663.

In its application, Welland Hydro is proposing an increase in its approved 2007 distribution rates to allow it to recover expected expenses for taxes or Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILs") from October 1, 2007 onwards. Welland Hydro has estimated the incremental PILs expense for 2007 at \$353,832. Welland Hydro has estimated that the proposed change would result in a 1.2% increase in the bill of a typical residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month. A General Service customer with less than 50 kW of demand consuming 5,000 kWh per month would see a bill increase of 0.6%.

**How to see Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.'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 Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. office and on its website, if available.

**How to Participate**

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

You may send the Board a letter of comment. Your letter should include any request to make an oral presentation to the Board, and must be received by the Board no later

than 30 days from the publication date of this Notice or, if you have been served this Notice directly, no later than 30 days from the date of service.

You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter received by the Board no later than 10 days from the publication date of this Notice or, if you have been served this Notice directly, no later than 10 days from the date of service.

You may request intervenor status if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter of intervention received no later than 10 days from the publication date of this Notice or, if you have been served this Notice directly, no later than 10 days from the date of service. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may choose to hold either a written or an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reasons for that preference. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

### **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](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca) or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

### **How to Contact Us**

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number EB-2007-0663. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. 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.

For your convenience, the Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail. Our e-mail address is Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Please include the application file reference number in the subject line of your e-mail.

Letters of intervention must be sent to the Board by regular mail to the address below. Please remember that you must send a copy of your request for intervention to the applicant at the address listed below.

**IMPORTANT**

**IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.**

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*Original Signed By*

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