Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'Énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2007-0680

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited ("THESL") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") on August 3, 2007 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to distribution rates that it charges for electricity distribution over a three year period, to be effective respectively May 1, 2008, May 1, 2009, and May 1, 2010. The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2007-0680. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of THESL's customers.

The standard electricity bill for residential and small general service customers has four line items: Electricity, Delivery, Regulatory and Debt Retirement Charge. This application affects the Delivery line of that bill. THESL is seeking approval of \$498.4 million in 2008, \$534.0 million in 2009, and \$562.4 million in 2010 as the forecasted revenues it requires to provide electricity distribution. If approved, THESL estimates a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience a decrease of \$0.23 in 2008, an increase of \$3.10 in 2009 and a further increase of \$1.59 in 2010 in the monthly electricity bill. A small General Service customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of 50 kW or lower is estimated to see increases of \$2.62 in 2008, a second increase of \$3.87 in 2009, and a further increase of \$2.30 in 2010 in the monthly electricity bill.

## How to see Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited'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 THESL's offices and on its website.

# 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 has chosen to hold an oral hearing. 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 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-2007-0680. 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 email. 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.

#### Addresses

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E-mail: <u>Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca</u>

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**DATED** at Toronto, August 22, 2007.

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