

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Proposal to amend the licence of the Ontario Power Authority Learn more. Have your say.

The Ontario Energy Board is commencing a proceeding to consider proposed amendments to the licence of the Ontario Power Authority (the "OPA"). The proposed amendments are intended to address the OPA's obligations in the regional planning process in Ontario.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider whether the proposed licence amendments are appropriate. We will hear arguments from parties involved in the process and will decide what, if any, licence amendments are appropriate.

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 hearing and to be involved in the process. You can:

- review this Notice and related documents on the OEB's website now.
- sign up to observe the proceeding by receiving OEB documents related to the hearing.
- file a letter with your comments, which will be provided to the OPA and considered during the hearing.
- become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **June 15, 2013** 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, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

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On October 18, 2012, the OEB issued a report titled [Report of the Board – A Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors: A Performance Based Approach](#) (the "RRFE Report"). The Province is currently divided into a number of regions, each of which includes several electric utilities. In the RRFE Report, the Board concluded that planning for transmission and distribution investments needs to be coordinated on a regional basis to ensure that regional issues and requirements are effectively integrated into the planning processes of individual utilities. The OEB also indicated that it would establish a process in order to move to a more structured approach to regional infrastructure planning. The OEB's RRFE Report further concluded that it was important for utilities to work with the OPA to identify where conservation or generation options may also represent potential solutions to address the electricity needs of a region.

The issue in this proceeding is whether the proposed amendments to the OPA licence, which are intended to reflect the OPA's obligations in the regional planning process, are appropriate. Those proposed amendments can be found at the link provided below.

- <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry/Regulatory+Proceedings/Policy+Initiatives+and+Consultations/Regional+Planning/OPA+Licence+Amendment>

Our file number for this case is EB-2013-0192. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case please enter that file number at the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/consumers. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. For this case, the Board intends to proceed with a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment or sign up to observe the hearing, your name and the content of the documents you file with the OEB 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 hearing is being commenced on the Board's own motion under section 19(4) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c. 15 (Schedule B).

