

OEB approves Windsor Canada Utilities' acquisition of E.L.K. Energy Inc.

On October 21, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its [Decision and Order](#) approving Windsor Canada Utilities Ltd.'s (WCUL) proposed purchase of 100 per cent of the shares of E.L.K. Energy Inc. (E.L.K. Energy) from the Corporation of the Town of Essex.

The OEB approved the application, having found that the proposed transaction meets the “no harm”¹ test regarding the impact of the proposed transaction on price, reliability and quality of electricity service to customers, and that the transaction is consistent with the OEB's legislative objectives².

BACKGROUND

WCUL is a holding company and the sole owner of ENWIN Utilities and ENWIN Energy Ltd. (an unregulated affiliate company). ENWIN Utilities supplies electricity to about 92,000 customers in Windsor.

E.L.K. Energy supplies electricity to about 13,000 customers in Essex, Lakeshore, and Kingsville, across six separate service areas: Belle River, Comber, Cottam, Essex, Harrow, and Kingsville.

A separate future application is planned that would seek approval to merge ENWIN Utilities and E.L.K. Energy into one company.

INTERVENORS

Intervenors are individuals or groups who have permission to participate in a hearing before the OEB because they have a substantial interest in the proceeding. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition and the School Energy Coalition were intervenors in this proceeding.

ABOUT THE OEB

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¹ [Handbook to Electricity Distributor and Transmitter Consolidations](#)

² [Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998](#)

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