

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited has asked the Ontario Energy Board to stop regulating the rates it charges for the attachment of wireless equipment to its distribution poles.

Toronto Hydro is currently required by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to give Canadian carriers' and cable companies' access to its distribution poles for wireless attachments at a regulated rate. Toronto Hydro has applied under section 29 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to have the OEB stop regulating the terms, conditions and rates for the attachment of wireless telecommunications devices ("wireless attachments") to Toronto Hydro's distribution poles.

Toronto Hydro says that the application will have no effect on its distribution services. Toronto Hydro says it will track the revenues and costs for wireless attachments and if the application is successful, it will apply to the Board at a later date to set a mechanism for ratepayers to share net revenues over costs.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Toronto Hydro's request. We will consider the evidence filed by Toronto Hydro, question the company on its case, and allow individuals and groups that wish to participate to provide evidence, question the company and make arguments about whether the order should be granted. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether there is enough competition in the siting of wireless equipment to protect the public interest which would mean that the OEB would stop regulating these specific rates.

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

- review Toronto Hydro's application 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 considered during the hearing.
- become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **September 20, 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.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is EB-2013-0234. 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/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment or sign up to observe the hearing, your name and the content of your letter or 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 will be held under section 29 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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