# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION AND GUELPH HYDRO ELECTRIC SYSTEMS INC.

## Alectra Utilities Corporation and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. have applied for approval to amalgamate and continue as Alectra Utilities Corporation

### Learn more. Have your say.

Alectra Utilities Corporation and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. have asked the Ontario Energy Board to approve:

- The purchase by Alectra Inc. of all the issued and outstanding shares of Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc., held by Guelph Municipal Holdings Inc.
- Transfer of Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.'s distribution system to Alectra Utilities Corporation
- Transfer of Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.'s generation licence and rate orders to Alectra Utilities Corporation
- Amendments to Alectra Utilities Corporation's electricity distribution licence to include Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.'s service area

The applicants say that the proposed amalgamation is expected to deliver savings to the customers of both utilities and that the rates of Alectra Utilities Corporation and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. will remain separate until 2029. The applicants also say that the costs of the proposed amalgamation will not be funded by ratepayers.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Alectra Utilities Corporation and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. We will question both companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of both Alectra Utilities Corporation and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

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 the application, filed by Alectra Utilities Corporation and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **April 30, 2018** 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-2018-0014.** 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 select the file number **EB-2018-0014** from the list on the OEB website: **www.oeb.ca/notice.** 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. Alectra Utilities Corporation and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. have applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **April 30, 2018.** 

#### **PRIVACY**

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter 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 application was filed under sections 18, 74, 86(1)(c) and 86(2)(a) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

