

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

The Independent Electricity System Operator, in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity, has applied to reduce the Smart Metering Charge.

Learn more. Have your say.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity, has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to reduce the Smart Metering Charge by 25%, from the current \$0.79 per meter per month to \$0.59 per meter per month, effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022. If the application is approved a typical residential customer in Ontario will see a decrease of \$0.20 per month in the Smart Metering Charge, which is included in the Regulatory Charges line of your electricity bill.

The Smart Metering Charge covers the costs of developing and operating the Meter Data Management/Repository, which is used to collect, manage, store and retrieve smart metering data.

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 the IESO in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity or the SME. During the hearing, we will question the SME on its case for a decrease to the Smart Metering Charge. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent affected customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, decrease to the Smart Metering Charge will be allowed.

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 IESO's SME application 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 **October 16, 2017** 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, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

The proposed charge appears on the Regulatory Charges line of your electricity bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2017-0290**. 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-2017-0290** 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. The IESO, in its capacity as the SME, has 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 **October 16, 2017**.

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 rate hearing will be held under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

