# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF COLLUS POWERSTREAM CORP.

The Corporation of the Town of Collingwood and EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp. have applied to change the ownership of Collus PowerStream Corp.

## Learn more. Have your say.

The Corporation of the Town of Collingwood and EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp. have applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of two share purchase transactions that would result in EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp. becoming the new owner of Collus PowerStream Corp.

The Corporation of the Town of Collingwood would first purchase the shares of Collingwood PowerStream Utility Services Corp., the holding company of Collus PowerStream Corp., currently owned by Alectra Utilities Corporation for \$13.1 million. EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp. would then purchase all of the shares of Collingwood PowerStream Utility Services Corp. from the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood for \$25 million, and assume the funding of Collus PowerStream Corp.'s existing debt. According to the application, ratepayers will not pay the transaction costs or any of the premium paid as part of the purchase price by EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp.

EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp. has also requested approval of a one percent reduction in Collus PowerStream Corp.'s 2017 electricity distribution rates for residential customers, to be in effect for five years from the completion of the transactions.

The Ontario Energy Board will hold a combined public hearing to consider the applications filed by each of the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood and EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp.

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

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a combined public hearing to consider the applications filed by the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood and EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp. We will question the companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Collus PowerStream Corp. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the applications.

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 these applications and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the applications filed by the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood and EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp. 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 March 5, 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, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

## **LEARN MORE**

Our file numbers for this case are **EB-2017-0373** and **EB-2017-0374**. 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 one of the file numbers **EB-2017-0373** or **EB-2017-0374** 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 Corporation of the Town of Collingwood and EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp. 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 **March 5, 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 hearing will be combined pursuant to section 21(5) and held under sections 78 and 86(2)(b) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

