

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ENTEGRUS POWERLINES INC. AND ST. THOMAS ENERGY INC.

St. Thomas Energy Inc., Entegrus Inc. and Entegrus Powerlines Inc. have applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval for St. Thomas Energy Inc. and Ascent Group Inc. (parent of St. Thomas Energy Inc.) to amalgamate to form STE Amalco and subsequently, for Entegrus Powerlines Inc. to amalgamate with STE Amalco and continue as Entegrus Powerlines Inc.

Learn more.

St. Thomas Energy Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to amalgamate with its parent, Ascent Group Inc. to form STE Amalco. Entegrus Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for leave to acquire the shares of STE Amalco in exchange for shares of Entegrus Inc., and to amalgamate STE Amalco with Entegrus Powerlines Inc. The amalgamated company will be called Entegrus Powerlines Inc. The applicants have also asked to transfer St. Thomas Energy Inc.'s current rate orders to the new company and to cancel St. Thomas Energy Inc.'s electricity distribution licence.

The applicants say that ratepayers will not pay the costs or any premiums for the proposed acquisition of STE Amalco and subsequent amalgamation. The applicants also say that electricity rates for customers of each of St. Thomas Energy Inc. and Entegrus Powerlines Inc. will remain separate for eight years from the date the transactions are completed.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by St. Thomas Energy and Entegrus Powerlines. We will question the companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of each of the utilities to the proposed amalgamation. 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 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 **September 18, 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

Our file number for this case is **EB-2017-0212**. 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-2017-0212** 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 Applicants have requested 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 **September 18, 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 hearing will be held under sections 86(1)(a) and (c), 86(2)(a) and (b), 77(5) and 18 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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