Niagara On-The-Lake ENERGY INC

Annual General Meeting

2015

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. and Energy Services Niagara Inc. presented by: Tim Curtis, President

Corporate Structure

Board of Directors

- Lord Mayor Pat Darte
- Councilor Jamie King
- Town CAO Mike Galloway
- 4. Jim Ryan (Chair)
- Bob Cheriton (Vice-Chair)
- 6. Jim Huntingdon
- 7. Nicholas Miller

the-Lake Energy Inc. Niagara-on-Energy the-Lake Services Hydro Inc. Niagara Inc. **Electricity Distribution** Non-Regulated Business **Business**

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All companies are incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act

Energy Services Niagara Inc - ESNI

- ESNI can engage in any activity authorized by the Board
- ESNI has a 12.5% interest in Niagara Regional Broadband Network (NRBN). This very successful company provides fibre optic high speed communication across the Niagara Region.
- Water/wastewater billing and collection service booked in ESNI
- Looking at solar generation opportunities



Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro

- Over 100 years of distributing electricity in Niagara-on-the-Lake
- NOTL Hydro is one of the smaller LDC's in Ontario*
 - 8,600 Customers
 - 133km² operating territory
 - Over 400km underground and overhead distribution lines
- Summer peak is 50MW
- 16 full time employees
- Lowest Delivery Charge in the Niagara Region



^{*} LDC = Local Distribution Company

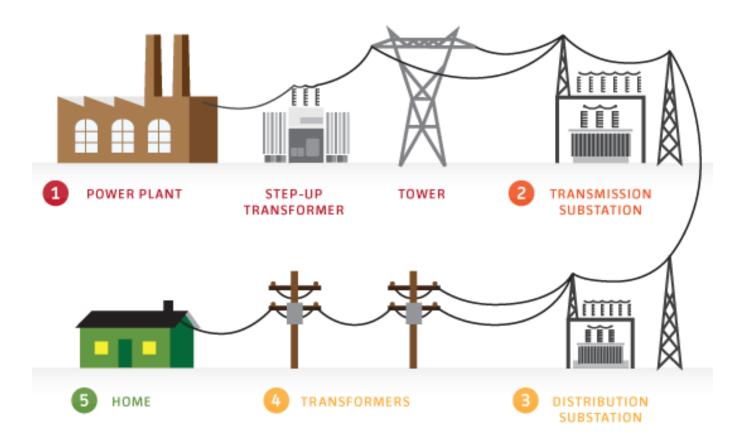
NOTL Hydro Team



Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro was the winner of the 2014 *Utility-of-the-Year (Regional) award by ENERGY STAR®*

Industry Structure

NOTL Hydro provides steps 2 to 5



Regulatory Framework

Ontario Energy Board, OEB

- NOTL Hydro is licensed by the OEB and is restricted to business lines
- All rates and charges set by the OEB
- Bill presentment and certain bill inserts mandated by the OEB
- Reporting requirements and accounting policies

Independent Electricity System Operator, IESO

- Manages when generators operate and use of transmission system
- Manage hourly electricity market
- Contracts with all generation
- Bills NOTL Hydro for generation, transmission and regulatory charges

Government of Ontario – Ministry of Energy

Laws and regulations

Our Values

Our values reflect how we try to operate and our desire to maintain the trust that the community has placed in us:

- Safety
- Integrity
- Customer-Focus
- Shareholder Value
- Innovative



Commitment to Safety

- Electricity can kill
- Always first priority
- Achieved Zero Quest Bronze Award in 2005 and the 5th and final Platinum Award in 2012
- New part-time safety consultant hired in 2015









Customer Focused



- Lowest delivery charge in the Niagara Region
- 24-hour on-call service for outages
- Front counter service maintained
- Combined electricity/water bills
- Investments determined for overall customer impact
- Local presence and knowledge
- Latest Change no deposit required for new residential homeowners

Innovative

- NOTL Hydro owns the transformer stations that feed electricity from Hydro One transmission lines.
- We have a shared billing system with several other utilities to keep our billing costs low.
- With Tech Mahindra, in the process of testing an Intelligent Electric Vehicle Charging System for eventual Ontario-wide rollout.
- Advocacy



Local Generation

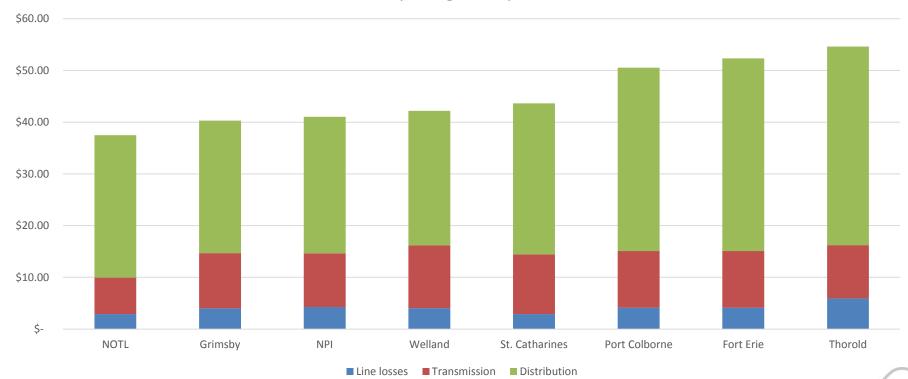
- >132 Generators in NOTL (>130 solar, 1 hydro & 1 bio-mass)
- Provides 7.4% of total energy consumed in NOTL
- NOTL Hydro pays each generator monthly
- Local Generation helps reduce transmission costs
- Not currently possible to add large generation in NOTL due to capacity constraints on transmission system



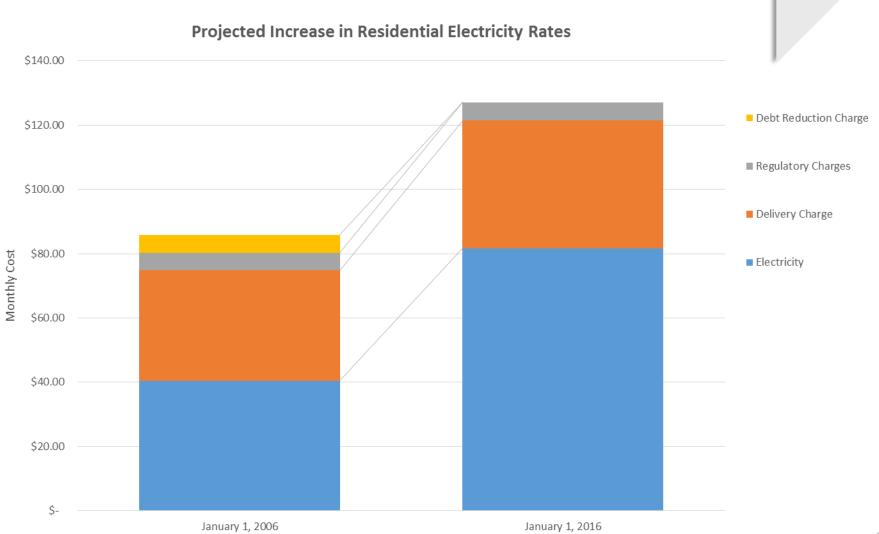
Delivery Charge

 NOTL Hydro has the lowest Delivery charge due to lowest transmission charge and line losses

Delivery Charge – May 1, 2015

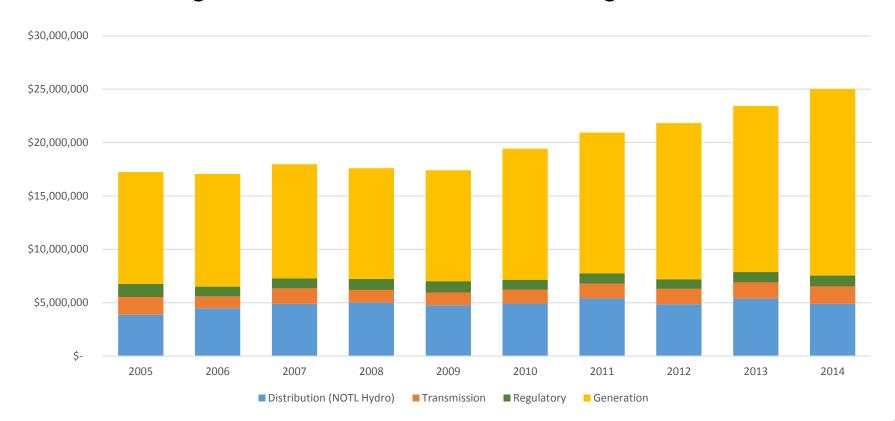


10-Year Price Change



NOTL Hydro Revenue

- 20% of hydro bill kept by NOTL Hydro
- 80% for generation, transmission and regulation



Investment Program

- Average \$1.3 million per year in capital investments
- Continued investment in both physical plant (poles, wires, transformers) and systems required to:
 - Meeting growing demand for electricity
 - Improve reliability
 - Reduce system losses (6.62% in 2005, 3.79% in 2015)
- Current investments include:
 - New 50MW transformer (enough to provide power to all of NOTL)
 - 20-year program to replace old lines in Old Town with new underground lines
 - 5-year program to replace old rural 4kV lines with new 13.6kV lines
 - Outage management system and other new smart meter applications

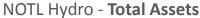
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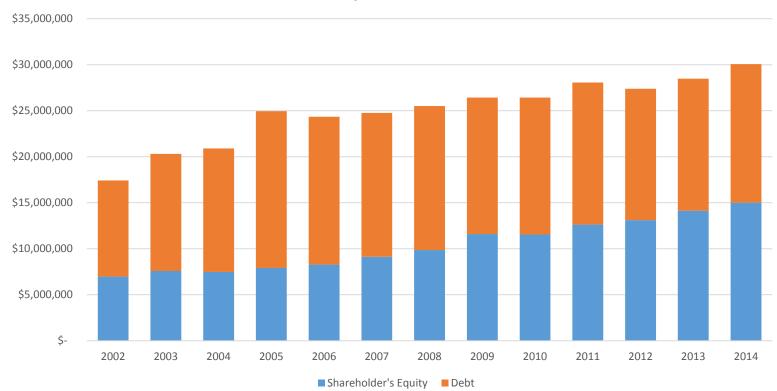
LDCs are required to participate in province-wide programs designed to reduce the demand for electricity. They are given a multi-year conservation target.

- NOTL has achieved over 100% of its 2011-2014 target (\$55,000 reward)
- Approx 1.0 GWh of savings achieved in each year (1GWh = 1,000,000 kWh)
- Target for 2015-2020 is 11.7GWh
- CDM Programs provide NOTL businesses with cash to assist them in reducing their electricity costs and make them more efficient. Over \$1 million of incentives provided from 2011 to 2014.
- NOTL Hydro has received a CDM award from Natural Resources Canada for it's efforts, the smallest utility to win this award.
- New Conservation Cultivator project targeted to provide over \$450,000 in funding to wineries, farms and greenhouses.

Assets & Equity

 Value of company increases every year. NOTL Hydro is in a solid financial position





Payments to the Town

