



December 18, 2008

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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Walli

**Re: PowerStream Inc. (ED-2004-0420)
2009 Electricity Distribution Rate Application EB-2008-0244**

PowerStream Inc. ("Powerstream") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") on October 10, 2008 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Powerstream charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2008-0244. The Board issued a Letter of Direction on October 24, 2008. PowerStream complied with the Letter of Direction within the timelines specified.

PowerStream and Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Barrie Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on October 16, 2008, under section 86(1)(c) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, seeking leave to amalgamate PowerStream and Barrie Hydro. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2008-0335. The Board made an oral decision on December 15, 2008 which granted leave to PowerStream and Barrie Hydro to amalgamate.

The December 15, 2008 decision has caused PowerStream to revisit some of the information filed in its 2009 EDR application.



We respectfully request that the Board delay issuing the first Procedural Order for the rate application until we have had chance to complete this review, in January.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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