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December 18 2008

Re: Atikokan Hydro Inc 2009 3rd Generation IRM Rate Application
OEB File No. EB-2008-0158 LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Ms. Walli,

Please find enclosed an affidavit and exhibit "A" confirming our letter of direction in our application 2008-0158.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wilf Thorburn'.

Wilf Thorburn
CEO / Sec / Treas
Atikokan Hydro Inc

AFFIDAVIT OF LETTER OF DIRECTION

THIS AFFIDAVIT IS MADE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF providing evidence that Atikokan Hydro Inc has followed all instructions in its "letter of direction" as it relates to **Atikokan Hydro Inc.**

Re: Atikokan Hydro Inc 2009 3rd Generation IRM Rate Application OEB File No. EB-2008-0158

I, Wilf Thorburn, of the Township of Atikokan, MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT I HAVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Arranged immediately for the enclosed English version of the Notice, headed with the Ontario government logo and the words "Ontario Energy Board", to be published in one issue of the English language newspaper having the highest paid circulation, according to the best information available, in Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s service area; - Exhibit "A"
2. filed with the Board an affidavit proving publication and, where applicable, service of the Notice immediately thereafter;
3. Made a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s office and on its website, and,
4. Provided a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

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Township of Atikokan)
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this 18th day of December, 2008) Wilf Thorburn Signature)

Signature Commissioner for taking Affidavits

Pat Halwachs

Pat Halwachs, Deputy Clerk Township of Atikokan,
A Commissioner, etc., ex officio, District of Rainy
River, under Commissioner's Act, Sec 2(3).

The Intrepid Snowmobiler by Craig Nicholson

Get involved this winter

The OFSC's Go Snowmobiling Campaign is on a mission to get more people snowmobiling. Its goal is to attract new participants, reconnect with former riders and encourage casual snowmobilers to get out more often... and to promote more riding in Ontario. You can get involved this winter by participating in these Go Snowmobiling initiatives...

Take A Friend Snowmobiling & Win: Research clearly shows the major obstacle to getting started in snowmobiling is having no way to try it first. It also shows that most first-timers love the experience. So Take A Friend Snowmobiling encourages existing riders to invite a non-snowmobiler for a ride this winter. By doing so, both rider and guest qualify to enter a contest and possibly win one of 68 weekly prizes and/or the grand prizes, including a 2009 Yamaha Phazer + two-place Northtrail Trailer, or an all expenses paid, six day/five night OTMPC-Algoma Country Snowmobile Vacation. To enter the contest, click on supertraxmag.com.

Here are a few tips for making that debut ride successful. Dress your guest(s) warmly and be sure they ride



the best sled available (preferably a touring model). Give a brief but thorough orientation (how to operate the sled, the intended route and start and finish times). Keep the ride short on groomed trails in daylight hours and don't push it hard. Stay off frozen waterways that first ride. Focus on the experience: great scenery, camaraderie and good food. Take frequent breaks and check to ensure their comfort. Leave them wanting more!

Check Out Ride Connection: Ride Connection is the web site where existing snowmobilers can hook up on-line with other riders and discover new places to ride. The idea is to encourage more snowmobiling and create more riding opportunities for existing snowmobilers here in Ontario. With Ride Connection, you can meet new people and always find someone to go with you... no more missed opportunities! Ride Connection is also the place where newbies can find more experienced riders to help show them the ropes and familiarize them with local trails. Plus, it's a great way to discover club rides and family events, including Go Snowmobiling Snowaramas. Click on rideconnection.ca.

Ride in Snowarama: Participating in a Go Snowmobiling Snowarama is a great way for new riders, families, casual snowmobilers and Take A Friend Snowmobiling participants to experience a day on the trails in a more structured and social setting... plus support a great cause! Snowarama rides to help Easter Seal kids with physical disabilities succeed are listed at ofsc.on.ca.

Plan Your Family Weekend: The Go Snowmobiling Family Weekend is scheduled for February 14 - 16 to coincide with Ontario's new Family Day holiday, the third Monday in February. Our first and only winter long weekend is a great opportunity to reserve time for a family snowmobiling outing or to participate in a club event or Snowarama. So reconnect with your loved ones, make it a Family Weekend!

Buy a Sled: Another way to increase your participation in snowmobiling is to buy a sled. Whether it's your first or an addition to your fleet, you can find it at Sleds2Buy.com, the on-line powersports classified site where Go Snowmobiling participants can buy and sell snowmobiles. It provides newbies with easy access to used sleds, and a portion of each listing fee puts money back on the snow to improve the trails you ride. So if you have a sled to sell or are in the market to buy, try Sleds2Buy.com first.

Until next time, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs invites you to Go Snowmobiling this winter. Get started at ofsc.on.ca
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Craig Nicholson is the author of "Canada's Best Snowmobiling: Your Ultimate Ride Guide" (order at: www.snowgoercanada.com) and the National Tour Editor for Snow Goer Canada Magazine. As "The Intrepid Snowmobiler" and "The Intrepid Cottager", Craig also pens syndicated newspaper columns and hosts radio programs, while appearing regularly on Snowmobiler Television. The opinions expressed are solely those of the author. For more info, click on www.intrepidsnowmobiler.com

Food costs continue to rise - How you can help

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time to programs that increase access to food like school meal and snack programs, community kitchens, community gardens, food banks and food boxes.

• Get involved in your community. People who do not have enough food to eat are single

or married, young or old, working or unemployed, educated or not educated, and come from all walks of life. We can all help to ensure our community's needs are met.

For more information contact your local Northwestern Health Unit office(597-6871) or visit www.nwhu.on.ca.

Ontario Energy Board

Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2008-0158

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE

Atikokan Hydro Inc.

The Ontario Energy Board has received an application on November 7, 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 Atikokan Hydro Inc. ("Atikokan") charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2008-0158. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of Atikokan's customers. The application was filed under the Board's guidelines for 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation, which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to rates between cost of service applications.

Any change to the rates that Atikokan charges for electricity distribution will be reflected in the delivery charges. Delivery charges are one of four regular items on residential and general service customers' electricity bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed.

Atikokan indicates that if the application is approved as filed, a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience an approximate 18.7% decrease in their delivery charges. This is a \$12.56 decrease per month on their bill. A small general service customer consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of 50 kW or lower would experience an approximate 17.7% decrease in their delivery charges. This is a \$23.81 decrease per month on their bill.

How to see Atikokan's Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.oeb.gov.on.ca, and at Atikokan's office and may be on its website.

How to Participate in the Rate Proceeding

The Board intends to proceed with Atikokan's rate change application by way of written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. If you object to a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any objections to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant at the addresses below no later than **December 12, 2008**. The Board will not be awarding costs in this matter.

Anyone who wishes information and material from the applicant that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the applicant on or before **January 5, 2009**. The applicant shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all parties who asked interrogatories no later than **January 19, 2009**.

Anyone who wishes to make a submission on the application must file that written submission with the Board and deliver it to the applicant by **February 2, 2009**. If the applicant wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all parties who made submissions by **February 17, 2009**.

How to File Documents with the Board

If you already have a user ID, please submit your interrogatories or submission through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies are required. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board's website under e-filings and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to file and naming conventions, please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, e-Filing Services. Those who do not have internet access are asked to submit their interrogatories or submission on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. You may also send your submission by post or e-mail to the addresses below.

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2008-0158 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your document. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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DATED at Toronto, November 24, 2008

Original Signed By
Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary