

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,  
S.O.1998, c.15 (Sched. B)

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Bluewater Power  
Distribution Corporation for an Order or Orders pursuant to section  
78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for 2009 distribution  
rates and related matters.

### **APPLICATION**

1. The Applicant is Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation ("Bluewater Power"). Bluewater Power is a licensed electricity distributor operating pursuant to license ED-2002-0517. Bluewater Power distributes electricity to approximately 35,000 customers in the municipalities of the City of Sarnia, the Town of Petrolia, the Village of Point Edward, the Village of Oil Springs, the Township of Warwick and the Township of Brooke-Alvinston in south-western Ontario.
2. Bluewater Power hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for an order or orders made pursuant to Section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, as amended, (the "OEB Act") approving just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity based on a 2009 test year.
3. Specifically, Bluewater Power hereby applies for an order or orders granting approval of:
  - a. its forecasted 2009 service revenue requirement of ~~\$21,436,076~~, \$21,320,229, which leads to a base distribution revenue requirement of ~~\$20,707,479~~, \$20,591,632, net of other revenue;
  - b. distribution rates that allow Bluewater Power to recover its forecasted 2009 distribution revenue requirement, effective May 1, 2009;

- c. specific distribution service charges;
  - d. the disposition of certain deferral and variance account principal balances as at December 31, 2007 along with the carrying charges projected to April 30, 2009;
  - e. Bluewater Power's current distribution rates becoming interim commencing May 1, 2009 until Bluewater Power's proposed distribution rates are approved and implemented; and
  - f. Recovery of amounts related to a Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ("LRAM"), and Shared Savings Mechanism ("SSM").
  - g. Authorization to use a deferral account to record the net distribution margin realized by Bluewater Power for power supplied to Royal Polymers Ltd. and UBE Automotive North America Sarnia Plant, Inc. (as per the update to the pre-filed evidence dated February 2, 2009).
4. As indicated by Bluewater Power's pre-filed evidence, Bluewater Power's 2009 total service revenue requirement is forecasted to be ~~\$21,436,076~~, \$21,320,229 and base revenue requirement is forecasted to be ~~\$20,707,479~~ \$20,591,632. Based on current distribution rates and forecasted load, Bluewater Power forecasts a 2009 revenue deficiency of ~~\$4,843,712~~ \$5,087,340.

5. The 2009 distribution rates proposed by Bluewater Power will result in overall monthly bill impacts as follows:

Rate Class	kWh	kW	Total \$ Change	Total % Change
Residential	1,000	-	\$6.35	6.03%
GS<50	2,000	-	\$9.99	4.70%
GS 50 to 999 kW	52,000	135	\$79.94	1.63%
GS 1000 to 4999 kW	1,700,000	3,532	(\$1,935.72)	-1.38%
Large	4,446,000	6,900	\$4,974.14	1.4%
USL	1,000	-	\$18.34	17.9%
Sentinel (per connection)	176	0.46	\$2.63	15.6%
Streetlighting (per connection)	99	0.21	\$1.44	15.6%

**Bill Impacts with Loss of Royal and UBE and two year deferral account disposition**

Rate Class	kWh	kW	Total Bill \$ Change	Total Bill % Change
Residential	1,000	0	\$6.03	5.7%
GS<50	2,000	0	\$8.88	4.2%
GS 50 to 999 kW	52,000	135	\$65.84	1.3%
GS 1000 to 4999 kW	1,700,000	3,532	(\$2,637.66)	-1.9%
Large	4,446,000	6,900	\$4,601.78	1.3%
USL	1,000	0	\$ 17.89	17.4%
Sentinel (per connection)	176	0.46	\$2.57	15.3%
Street lighting (per connection)	99	0.21	\$1.43	15.5%

6. This Application is made in accordance with the Board's *Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications* dated November 14, 2006.

7. This Application is supported by written evidence. The written evidence will be pre-filed and may be amended from time to time, prior to the Board's final decision on this Application.
8. The Applicant requests that, pursuant to Section 34.01 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, this proceeding be conducted by way of written hearing.
9. The Applicant requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board in this proceeding be served on the Applicant and the Applicant's counsel, as follows:

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~~DATED at Sarnia, Ontario, this 8th day of September, 2008.~~

DATED at Sarnia, Ontario this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2009.

BLUEWATER POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION



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Alex Palimaka