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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING
RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF LRAM/ SSM AMOUNTS**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING RELATED TO THE
APPROVAL OF A SMART METER FUNDING ADDER**

Horizon Utilities Corporation

Horizon Utilities Corporation ("the Applicant") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on May 20, 2009 seeking approval of a utility-specific smart meter funding adder. The Applicant also filed an application on June 25, 2009 seeking the approval and recovery of amounts related to Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ("LRAM") and Shared Savings Mechanism ("SSM"). The Board has decided that it will combine these proceedings pursuant to its power under section 21(5) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The Board has assigned the application file numbers EB-2009-0158 and EB-2009-0192. The Board's decision on these applications may have an effect on all of the customers served by the Applicant.

Any change to the Applicant's distribution rates will cause the Applicant's delivery charges to change. Delivery charges are one of four regular items on residential and general service customers' electric bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed.

The Applicant is authorized by O. Reg. 427/06 to engage in smart metering activities and has requested that the Board review and approve an increase to its smart meter funding adder from \$0.82 per metered customer per month to \$1.56 per metered customer per month.

Additionally, the Applicant has applied for the approval and recovery of historical LRAM and SSM amounts totaling \$1.2 million related to its third tranche and Ontario Power

Authority Conservation and Demand Management activities for the years 2007 and 2008.

If both applications are approved as filed, a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience an approximate 1.39% increase in the current delivery charges. This is a \$1.54 per month increase on their bill. A general service customer consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of less than 50 kW would experience an approximate 2.10% increase in its current delivery charges. This is a \$2.34 per month increase on the bill.

How to see the Applicants' Application

Copies of the applications are available for inspection at the Board's office and on its website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca; at the office of the Applicant; and on the Applicant's website (addresses below).

How to Participate in the Rate Proceeding

The Board intends to proceed with the Applicant's applications 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 **10 days** from the publication or service date of this Notice.

The Board may order costs in this proceeding. Applications for cost eligibility must be by letter and received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this Notice.

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 **August 21, 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 **September 4, 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 **September 18, 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 **October 1, 2009**.

How to File Documents with the Board

You must file two paper copies and an electronic copy of all filings made to the Board in response to this Notice. If you already have a user ID, please submit the electronic copy of your filing through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-Filing Services" page on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines also found on the "e-Filing Services" webpage. If the Board's web portal is not available, the electronic copy of your filing may be submitted by e-mail at the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit the electronic copy of their filing on a CD or diskette in PDF format.

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file numbers EB-2009-0158 and EB-2009-0192 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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