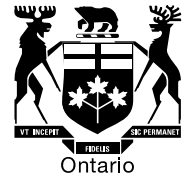


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October 30, 2007

Nicole Leduc
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Dear Mrs. Leduc:

**Re: Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited
2008 Incentive Regulation Mechanism (2008 IRM) Rate Application
Board File No. EB-2007-0824**

This letter acknowledges the Board's receipt, on October 24, 2007, of your 2008 IRM application. The Board has assigned file number EB-2007-0824 to this matter. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence to the Board regarding this matter.

The Board will issue further correspondence indicating the next steps to be taken in this matter and corresponding dates. Based on the Board's experience with applications of this nature, the Board expects that it may be able to render a decision on or about March 20, 2008.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Laurie Reid at 416-440-623, or by e-mail at Laurie.Reid@oeb.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli,
Board Secretary