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BY EMAIL

March 26, 2010

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Board Staff's Comments on Draft Rate Order
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation
EB-2009-0273**

Please find attached Board staff's comments on the Draft Rate Order filed by Orillia Power Distribution Corporation.

Please forward the attached to Orillia Power Distribution Corporation and all intervenors in this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Stephen Shields
Case Manager

Enclosure

Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (EB-2009-0273)
Draft Rate Order

Below are Board staff's comments on the Draft Rate Order that Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (Orillia) filed with the Board on March 19, 2010, pursuant to the Board Decision (EB-2009-0273) dated March 5, 2010. The Decision ordered that comments were to be filed within 7 days of the date of filing of the Draft Rate Order.

Board staff has reviewed the Draft Rate Order and finds that it is essentially consistent with the Decision. Board staff has two specific comments.

The Summary of Key Ratemaking Components on page 5 of 7 of the Draft Rate Order shows the differences in a number of elements between the values contained in the Settlement Proposal (i.e. Appendix 1 of the Decision) and the Draft Rate Order. Orillia notes on page 4 of 7 of the Draft Rate Order: "Changes in customer rates from the Board approved Settlement Proposal to the Draft Rate Order, submitted here, are attributable solely to moving from a ROE of 9.75% to an ROE of 9.85%." Noting that any differences are small and given Orillia's assurance regarding the source of any differences, Board staff submits that the values in the Tariff of Rates and Charges are appropriate.

On page 4 of 10 of the Tariff of Rates and Charges, the location of the words "Approved on an Interim Basis" erroneously suggests that the *classification* is interim while, in fact, it is the *monthly rate* that is interim. Therefore, Board staff submits that the standard template be updated and the words "Approved on an Interim Basis" be deleted from the main heading and added to the monthly rates heading to read: "Monthly Rates and Charges – Approved on an Interim Basis."

Respectfully submitted

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