



**EB-2010-0174**

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Chapleau  
Public Utilities Corporation for an order or orders  
approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates  
and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2010.

**BEFORE:** Ken Quenelle  
Presiding Member

Marika Hare  
Panel Member

## **INTERIM RATE ORDER**

The Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") received an application on October 14, 2009, 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 Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation ("Chapleau PUC") charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2010. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2009-0219. The application was filed under the Board's guidelines for 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism ("IRM"), which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to rates between cost of service applications. There were no intervention requests and no letters of comment were received in this proceeding. Board staff participated in the proceeding. The Board proceeded by way of a written hearing.

On March 30, 2010 the Board issued its Decision and Order (the "Decision") regarding Chapleau PUC's 2010 IRM application.

On April 21, 2010, Chapleau PUC filed a motion to vary (“the Motion”) the Decision under Rule 42 of the Board’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*. In the Motion, Chapleau PUC requested that the disposition period for its Group 1 deferral and variance account balance be extended from a one year period to a four year period.

Until such time that the Board will deal with this Motion, the Board is declaring Chapleau PUC’s rates to be effective May 1, 2010 to be interim.

In declaring Chapleau’s PUC’s rates to be interim, the Board emphasizes that this interim order should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the determination of the Board on this Motion.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

Chapleau PUC’s approved rates effective May 1, 2010 are declared interim until such time that the Board will make a determination on this Motion.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 30, 2010

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary