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

**RE: Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation Application for Extension of
Mandatory Enrollment Testing Date**

On August 4, 2010 the Ontario Energy ("Board") issued a letter to all electricity distributors with regards to the "Determination Under Section 1.2.1 of the Standard Supply Service Code to Mandate Time-of-Use Pricing for Regulated Price Plan Consumers Board File No. EB-2010-0218". In this letter, the Board issued its final determination to Mandate Time-of-USE ("TOU") pricing for Regulated Price Plan ("RPP") consumers by establishing the mandatory TOU date and Mandatory Enrollment testing date for each electricity distributor. Given the Mandatory Enrollment Testing date of November 2010, Erie Thames Powerlines ("Erie Thames") hereby requests an extension to the end of February 2011.

The extension is being requested as a result of the following:

- Smart Meter Entity software upgrade R7.0 (SP13/CC17) in the Sandbox environment. This upgrade involved system modifications and further testing to be conducted with the MDM/R sandbox environment. As a result of the announcement of R7.0, Erie Thames decided to delay the start of unit testing until R7.0 was available in the sandbox environment, thereby eliminating the need to undergo regression testing prior to cutover which would have increased the testing process by 2 weeks and resulted in duplication of efforts in the testing process.



- Delays experienced by our billing and AMI operator from other testing activities that they were performing on behalf of other utilities running similar systems. Although these delays were attributable to communication issues outside of their control, resourcing constraints on the part of the billing/AMI operator didn't permit the additional unit testing to be conducted at the same time.
- A recent decision to upgrade the version of the CIS system prior to integration with the MDM/R. Erie Thames had plans to upgrade to Harris Northstar v6.3 in 2011. Such an upgrade would result in additional testing to be conducted with the MDM/R post cutover. It was therefore decided to complete the CIS upgrade in advance of the MDM/R cutover, therefore eliminating the need to duplicate all testing efforts and thus ensuring that the new version of the CIS can handle MDM/R integration.

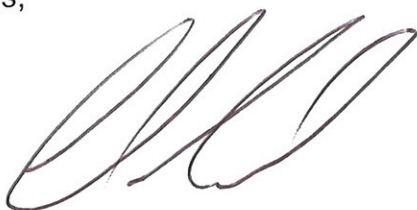
Erie Thames will continue to work with their MDM/R Integration and CIS service providers to accelerate the testing and the enrollment of meters with the MDM/R.

The mandatory enrollment test date extension does not impact Erie Thames ability to transition RPP customers to TOU billing by the Board mandated TOU date of September 2011.

With the requested extension Erie Thames will be maintaining compliance with the final determination to mandate TOU pricing for RPP customers and mandatory enrollment testing.

For more information please contact Jeff Quint at 519-808-0925.

Regards,



Chris White
President