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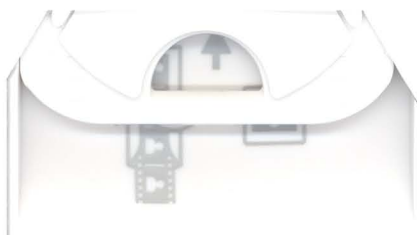
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**Re: Decision and Order on Interim Rates  
Distribution Rate Change – Great Lakes Power Limited  
File Number: EB-2007-0744**

Dear Ontario Energy Board:

We are writing in regard to the Notice of Decision and Order on Interim Rates – Great Lakes Power Limited, File Number EB-2007-0744. Dubreuil Forest Products Limited (DFPL) is extremely concerned about the OEB's decision to deny GLPL's request to make its rates interim on September 1, 2007. This decision detrimentally affects DFPL, its employees, many local businesses, the Town of Dubreuilville and its electricity consumers. We therefore respectfully request that the OEB reconsiders its decision.

DFPL operates a sawmill and woodlands operation, located in Dubreuilville. The company commenced operation in 1962, and typically directly employs 400 people, approximately 60% of the labour force of Dubreuilville. Dubreuilville's population is 1,000. The sawmill is the heart of Dubreuilville. According to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources' *Annual Report on Forest*



*Management*, Dubreuilville is the most “forest dependant community” in Ontario. Therefore, the survival of the sawmill is vital for ensuring the survival of Dubreuilville on the whole.

The cost of electricity accounts for approximately 15 percent of the sawmill’s total conversion costs. Prior to the deregulation of the electricity market, we had some of the most competitive electricity rates in the entire province of Ontario. After deregulation we ended up with the most expensive electricity rates. Under GLPL’s current rate schedule approved by the OEB, DFPL pays more than double for distribution services than our competitors pay in different utility service areas.

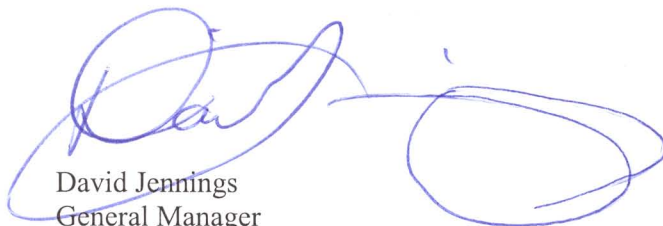
Presently our entire operation has been shut down and in excess of 360 employees have been on lay-off since November 15, 2007. There are many issues contributing to the closure of the sawmill, one of which is our high electricity rates. We are in the process of working extremely hard to re-open the sawmill as soon as possible.

With Great Lakes Power’s proposed 2007 Electricity Distribution Rate Application, there was optimism on our part of finally getting the much needed rate relief we have long sought. It is critical to the continued operation of our industry, our employees, our community and the local economy that we get this relief back to September 1, 2007. For the months of September through December of 2007, our total electricity cost was approximately \$700,000. If GLPL’s proposed rates are implemented during that period as proposed in their application, it is my understanding that DFPL will save approximately \$124,000. This savings is very significant to DFPL, it is a critical component in our ability to reopen and will go a long ways in ensuring we are able to commence operation of our sawmill much sooner.

I respectfully request that you reconsider your decision and make the rates requested by Great Lakes Power in its application made interim as of September 1, 2007.

Should you require any additional information or have any questions feel free to give me a call at (705) 884-2525 extension 201 or [dave@dfpl.ca](mailto:dave@dfpl.ca).

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Jennings', is written over a large, faint circular watermark or stamp.

David Jennings  
General Manager  
Dubreuil Forest Products Limited

