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

**Re: Orillia Power Distribution Corporation - Application for a Partial Exemption from its Mandated Time of Use Pricing Date for Regulated Price Plan Customers**

In accordance with the Ontario Energy Board's letter of August 4, 2010 regarding determination under Section 1.2.1 of the Standard Supply Service Code to mandate time-of-use ("TOU") pricing for Regulated Price Plan customers, Orillia Power Distribution Corporation ("Orillia") is hereby submitting an application for a partial exemption from its mandated TOU pricing date (the "TOU Date").

Orillia is applying to the Board for an exemption to its TOU Date only with respect to its eligible GS<50 kW customers that require three phase smart meters. Orillia is requesting a new TOU Date of November, 2011 for approximately 800 general service customers. Orillia had been expecting to meet its TOU Date for all eligible customers but has experienced prolonged delays in delivery of three phase smart meters. Orillia has successfully registered 11,667 residential and small commercial meters with the SME's MDM/R to date and expects to be billing these customers using TOU pricing by our original TOU Date (June 2011).

For Orillia's GS<50 class customers, two types of smart meters are required:

1. Single phase smart meters that are identical to those used for residential class customers; and
2. Three phase smart meters



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Orillia ordered sufficient single phase smart meters in 2009 and has successfully equipped its residential and applicable GS<50 class single phase customers with a smart meter.

Orillia is experiencing unexpected, ongoing delays in the supply of type of smart meter required for its GS<50 three phase metered customers. Initially, the only available smart meter type compatible with Orillia's Sensus AMI was the Elster A3 meter. Orillia decided to search the market for a more cost effective solution.

Orillia selected the General Electric (GE) polyphase smart meter and began the order process in May 2010. Measurement Canada approval was pending and Orillia expected delivery in August 2010. Due to further delays in Measurement Canada's approval process and subsequent ongoing delays in GE's manufacturing and delivery schedule, we have only recently accepted delivery of approximately 50% of the order.

The impact of the resulting timeline is an achievable TOU Date of November, 2011 for this group of customers. The following table summarizes Orillia's anticipated schedule to complete TOU Pricing for its three phase smart meters:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Meter Delivery	April – May, 2011
Meter Install	May - July, 2011
AMI Performance Optimization	August - October, 2011
TOU Pricing Implementation	November, 2011

Orillia respectfully requests that the Board consider its request for a partial exemption from its mandated TOU Date.

We would be pleased to provide any further information or details that you may require relative to this application.

Yours truly,



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Orillia Power Distribution Corporation

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