

April 21, 2011

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board PO Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## RE: COLLUS Power Corp Application for exemption of mandated Time-of-Use Pricing date for RPP EB – 2011 - 0080

COLLUS Power Corp ("COLLUS") is providing this letter to the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") as per the Board's Direction of March 28/11 on this matter. Board staff have filed written interrogatories on April 14/11 and as per the Board's direction COLLUS is responding by April 28/11.

In the following section the Board staff questions are outlined and the COLLUS response provided to cover the item.

The expectation then is that based on the evidence originally submitted in the Application and the further information in this response submission there may be written submissions filed with the Board on or before May 5/11 in regards to this matter.

The response section is as follows:

## **Board Staff Question 1:**

a) Please confirm the status of COLLUS's smart meter deployment and TOU implementation as of April 1, 2011.

As of April 1, 2011 the status of COLLUS's deployment is:

- 1) The attached Exhibit #1 is the information provided for the month of March 2011 report on the 10 milestone items that the Board requires to be filed.
- 2) There has been no change since the March 10/11 Application submission in regards to the information provided on progress to date. As noted in the Application COLLUS has entered the Unit, SIT and QT testing process in March. This was only underway and not near completion as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and still is not complete as of the date of this response submission. Work continues to be done to keep COLLUS moving towards final implementation of TOU but progress continues to be slow.
- 3) At this time COLLUS still has not been able to find an addition to the Billing Department staff to assist with the workload placed upon the department when the Customer Information System Supervisor fell ill and was no longer able to work.

b) Are there any other factors (internal and/or external) that COLLUS has identified that may hinder its ability to comply with their requested mandatory TOU dates.

One new factor that COLLUS has identified as a further constraint on the ability to meet the mandatory TOU dates is the recent information that the IESO has provided in regards to the provision of register readings to satisfy the Measurement Canada requirement. COLLUS expects that as the required changes progress it will require further work to be done while staff are trying to implement TOU.

Another factor that is expected to require additional work is based on COLLUS's understanding that when the latest version (7.2) of operating software that is used by the MDMR is implemented there will be additional testing that is required for LDCs participating in the production environment. This will also take time to complete and delay other work to be done for TOU implementation.

COLLUS continues to submit that these factors and those outlined in the Application submission contribute to the requirement for a later date of TOU implementation. COLLUS continues to request that an exemption to the July 2011 end date be allowed and extend it to December 2011.

If further information is required please contact us.

Thank you,

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