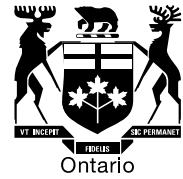


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February 8, 2007

Mr. Paul Hughes
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LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Mr Hughes:

**Re: Hydro Ottawa Limited – 2007 Distribution Rate Application
Board File No. EB-2007-0544**

The Ontario Energy Board has now issued its Notice relating to your rate application and the associated hearing, as well as to the combined proceeding referred to in the January 29, 2007 “Report of the Board on 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario’s Electricity Distributors: Addendum for Smart Metering Rates” (“Notice”).

You are directed:

1. To arrange immediately for the enclosed English version of the Notice, headed with the Ontario government logo and the words “Ontario Energy Board”, to be published in one issue of the English language newspaper having the highest paid circulation, according to the best information available, in Hydro Ottawa Limited’s service area;

(Note: Please make it clear that invoices regarding publication are not to be sent to the Board.)

2. To arrange immediately for the enclosed French version of the Notice headed with the Ontario Government logo and the words “Commission de l’énergie de l’Ontario”, to be published in one issue of the French language newspaper having the highest paid circulation, according to the best information available, in Hydro Ottawa Limited’s service area;

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3. If Hydro Ottawa Limited is a Host Distributor, to immediately, and no later than the date of publication of the Notice, serve a copy of the Notice directly on its Embedded Distributor(s);
4. To file with the Board an affidavit proving publication and, where applicable, service of the Notice immediately thereafter;
5. To make a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Hydro Ottawa Limited’s office and on its website, if available; and,
6. To provide a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Peter H. O’Dell
Assistant Board Secretary

Enclosures