



**PUC Distribution Inc.**  
**765 QUEEN STREET EAST, P.O. Box 9000**  
**SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO, P6A 6P2**

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Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
2300 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON  
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Attention: Ms. Walli

**Re: Application by PUC Distribution Inc. requesting a transfer of funds among  
Conservation and Demand Management programs.  
RP-2004-0203/ EB-2004-0458 / EB-2007-0738**

On March 3, 2005, PUC Distribution was granted approval of its CDM plan. The total approved budget for PUC Distributions CDM plan was \$886,854. As a condition of approval, PUC Distribution Inc. was ordered to apply to the Board for approval if cumulative fund transfers among programs exceed 20% of the approved budget.

On September 25, 2007, PUC Distribution was granted an extension until April 30, 2008 for spending approved funds in relation to the third tranche Conservation and Demand Management plan (EB-2007-0738). PUC Distribution is seeking to reallocate funds in the existing CDM programs as specified in the application requesting an extension dated August 23, 2007. Within the Education and Information program PUC proposed \$50,000 funding for website presentment to meet Smart Meter and CIS initiative as proposed by regulatory requirements. At this time the website presentment for smart meters is uncertain and PUC Distribution proposes to reallocate the funds to Sault Ste. Marie's Environmental Initiative Committee in the amount of \$50,000. The cumulative funds transfer does not exceed 20% of the total approved budget but Sault Ste. Marie's Environmental Initiative Committee was not a previously approved program. The scope of the committee is to report on existing energy use practices, future emission reductions and environmental initiatives within municipal operations. The committee plans to develop an Energy Conservation Plan that will address both direct and indirect emission issues. The main objectives of the committee are:



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- Identify current conservation efforts and any ongoing environmental initiatives throughout the organization;
- Determine the carbon footprint of each area of municipal operations to track performance to-date and establish a benchmark for future reference (ex. energy consumptions, tonnage recycled, tonnage composted, etc);
- Prepare an Energy Conservation Plan for the Municipality;
- Complete a detailed audit on a part or whole of municipal operations based on the priorities set in the Energy Conservation Plan. Potential conservation opportunities will be recommended ex. retrofit building, re-commissioning of existing systems, operational changes, staff educations, etc.;
- Determine costs associated with recommendations of the audit, budget for completion of work, apply for an applicable provincial and /or federal funding and schedule project completion;
- Complete projects, monitor results and savings as a result of the project and educate the public; and
- Prepare and ensure the delivery of an enhanced public awareness program.

PUC Distribution Inc. also requests that the board dispose of this matter without a hearing pursuant to section 21(4)(b) of the Act. Section 21(4)(b) states that the Board may dispose of a proceeding without a hearing if the Board determines that *"no person, other than the applicant, appellant or licence holder will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding and the applicant, appellant or licence holder has consented to disposing or proceeding without a hearing."*

Yours truly,

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