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March 7, 2007

Peter O'Dell
Assistant Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
27th Floor
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. O'Dell:

**Re: Hydro Ottawa Limited – 2007 Electricity Distribution Rates Application
- Affidavits of Publication and Service
Board File No. EB-2007-0544**

Further to the Letter of Direction dated February 8, 2007 issued by the Ontario Energy Board relating to the service and publication of notices relating to the application referenced above, please find enclosed the affidavits of R. Susan Barrett, Supervisor, Communications relating to the publication and service.

Should you require any further information relating to the publication and service, please contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul N. Hughes'.

Paul N. Hughes
Corporate Secretary and General Counsel

Encls.

c.c. L. Anderson, Chief Regulatory Affairs & Government Relations Officer

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Hydro Ottawa
Limited for an Order or Orders approving or fixing just and reasonable
rates for distribution service.

AFFIDAVIT

I, R. Susan Barrett, of the City of Ottawa in the Province of Ontario MAKE OATH AND SAY:

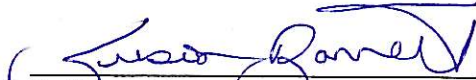
1. I am employed by the Applicant Hydro Ottawa Limited and at all material times have occupied the position of Supervisor, Communications.
2. I have received a copy of the revised Letter of Direction issued by the Board on February 8, 2007 in this matter.
3. I have made inquiries with the Canadian Newspaper Association and hereby confirm on the basis of information received from that Association that the Ottawa Citizen is the English-language newspaper having the highest circulation in the City of Ottawa. Attached at Exhibit "A" to this my Affidavit is a record prepared by the Canadian Newspaper Association showing weekly and daily circulation levels of the Ottawa Citizen and its competitor the Ottawa Sun.
4. I have made inquiries with the Canadian Newspaper Association and hereby confirm on the basis of the information received from that Association that Le Droit is the French-language newspaper having the highest circulation in the City of Ottawa. Attached at Exhibit "B" to this my Affidavit is a record received from

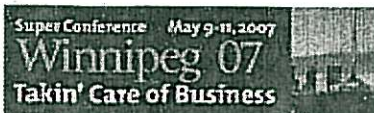
the Canadian Newspaper Association showing the weekly and daily circulation levels of a number of newspapers in Canada including Le Droit.

5. I believe the newspaper circulation information received from the Canadian Newspaper Association is the best information available regarding newspaper circulation in the City of Ottawa.
6. Attached at Exhibit "C" to this my Affidavit is a copy of the Notice published in the Ottawa Citizen on Thursday, February 15, 2007 and which appeared at page C7 of the newspaper on that date.
7. Attached at Exhibit "D" to this my Affidavit is a copy of the Notice published in Le Droit on Thursday, February 15, 2007 and which appeared at page 8 of the newspaper on that date.
8. Hydro Ottawa Limited does not have any Embedded Distributors within its service area and is, therefore, not required to serve the Notice of Application on any other person.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the)
 City of Ottawa in the Province)
 Of Ontario this 7th day of)
 March, 2007)
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 A Commissioner etc.
Paul N. Hughes


 R. Susan Barrett



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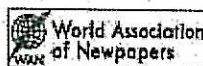
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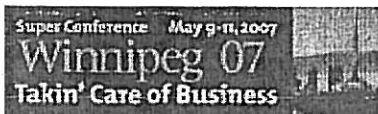
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Owner: CanWest Pub							
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English	Ontario	Ontario	b/sheet	Morning	M-Su		
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Weekly Total
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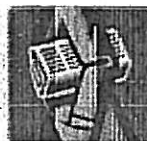
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This is Exhibit "A" to the
Affidavit of R. Susan Barrett
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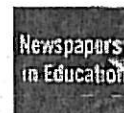

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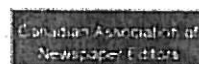
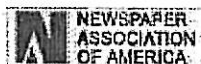
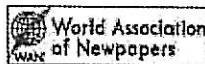
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2006 Data from 6-month ABC, CCAB and other Publishers Reports ending March 31st, 2006.

Newspaper: <u>The Ottawa Sun</u>							
Owner: <u>Quebecor/Sun Media</u>							
Language	Region	Province	Format	Publication	Frequency		
English	Ontario	Ontario	tabloid	Morning	M-Su		
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Weekly Total
50724	50724	50724	50724	50724	44723	50651	348994

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Newspaper	Prov.	Frequ.	(Mon-Fri Ave)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Weekly Total	Ave Day
The Edmonton Sun	AB	M-Su	69,695	69,695	69,695	69,695	69,695	68,289	95,963	512,727	73,247
Daily Herald-Tribune, Grande Prairie	AB	MF	6,435	6,435	6,435	6,435	12,325			38,065	7,613
Lethbridge Herald	AB	M-Su	15,502	15,502	15,502	15,502	15,502	18,470	15,821	111,801	15,972
Medicine Hat News	AB	M-Sa	14,098	14,098	14,098	14,098	14,098	14,098		84,588	14,098
The Calgary Sun	AB	M-Su	61,457	61,457	61,457	61,457	61,457	63,716	91,695	462,696	66,099
Red Deer Advocate	AB	M-Sa	17,773	17,773	17,773	17,773	17,773	18,031		106,896	17,816
Calgary Herald	AB	M-Su	126,075	126,075	126,075	126,075	126,075	130,546	121,445	882,366	126,052
The Edmonton Journal	AB	M-Su	126,631	126,631	126,631	126,631	126,631	136,254	126,052	895,461	127,923
Fort McMurray Today	AB	MF	3,761	3,761	3,761	3,761	3,761			18,805	3,761
The Kamloops Daily News	BC	M-Sa	12,788	12,788	12,788	12,788	12,788	12,788		76,728	12,788
The Daily Courier, Kelowna	BC	M-Su	16,060	16,060	16,060	16,060	16,060	17,251	15,975	113,526	16,218
Peace River Block News, Dawson Creek	BC	MF	1,889	1,889	1,889	1,889	1,889			9,445	1,889
Prince George Citizen	BC	M-Sa	15,489	15,489	15,489	15,489	16,729	16,729		95,414	15,902
Cranbrook Daily Townsman	BC	MF	3,418	3,418	3,418	3,418	3,418			17,090	3,418
Nanaimo Daily News	BC	M-Sa	7,702	7,702	7,702	7,702	7,702	7,702		46,212	7,702
Alberni Valley Times, Port Alberni	BC	MF	5,159	5,159	5,159	5,159	5,159			25,795	5,159
The Daily News, Prince Rupert	BC	MF	3,070	3,070	3,070	3,070	3,070			15,350	3,070
Nelson Daily News	BC	MF	3,176	3,176	3,176	3,176	3,176			15,880	3,176
Alaska Highway News, Fort St. John	BC	MF	3,790	3,790	3,790	3,790	3,790			18,950	3,790
Penticton Herald	BC	M-Su	7,899	7,899	7,899	7,899	7,899	8,008	7,454	54,957	7,851
The Trail Times	BC	MF	5,006	5,006	5,006	5,006	5,006			25,030	5,006
The Daily Bulletin, Kimberley	BC	MF	1,612	1,612	1,612	1,612	1,612			8,060	1,612
The Province, Vancouver	BC	Su-F	144,765	144,765	144,765	144,765	144,765		178,636	902,461	150,410
The Vancouver Sun	BC	M-Sa	167,483	167,483	167,483	167,483	167,483	211,460		1,048,875	174,813
Times Colonist, Victoria	BC	M-Su	72,047	72,047	72,047	72,047	72,047	73,725	72,633	506,593	72,370
Winnipeg Sun	MB	M-Su	39,320	39,320	39,320	39,320	39,320			283,027	40,432
Winnipeg Free Press	MB	M-Su	119,082	119,082	119,082	119,082	119,082	161,925	114,966	872,301	124,614
The Daily Graphic, Portage la Prairie	MB	MF	2,699	2,699	2,699	2,699	2,699			13,495	2,699
The Reminder, Flin Flon	MB	MF	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500			12,500	2,500
Brandon Sun	MB	M-Su	14,177	14,177	14,177	14,177	14,177	17,694	12,297	100,876	14,411
L'Acadie Nouvelle, Caraquet	NB	MF	20,152	20,152	20,152	20,152	20,152			100,760	20,152
New Brunswick Telegraph Journal	NB	M-Sa	37,322	37,322	37,322	37,322	37,322	40,614		227,224	37,871
The Daily Gleaner, Fredericton	NB	M-Sa	24,100	24,100	24,100	24,100	24,100	25,085		145,585	24,264
Times & Transcript, Moncton	NB	M-Sa	37,628	37,628	37,628	37,628	37,628	43,167		231,307	38,551

1715 is Exhibit "B" to the Affidavit of L. Susan Barrett
Sworn before me this 7th day of March 2007

Paul N. Hynes
A Commissioner, etc. - Paul N. Hynes



Newspaper	Prov.	Frequ.	(Mon-Fri Ave)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Weekly Total	Ave. Day
The Telegram, St. John's	NL	M-Su	29,609	29,609	29,609	29,609	29,609	50,655	28,201	226,901	32,414
The Western Star, Corner Brook	NL	M-Sa	7,860	7,860	7,860	7,860	7,860	7,860		47,160	7,860
Cape Breton Post, Sydney	NS	M-Sa	24,512	24,512	24,512	24,512	24,512	24,512		147,072	24,512
The Daily News, Truro	NS	M-Sa	7,046	7,046	7,046	7,046	7,046	7,916		43,146	7,191
The Evening News, New Glasgow	NS	M-Sa	8,258	8,258	8,258	8,258	8,258	8,258		49,548	8,258
The Daily News, Halifax	NS	M-Su	20,044	20,044	20,044	20,044	20,044	20,978	25,624	146,822	20,975
Amherst Daily News	NS	M-Sa	3,145	3,145	3,145	3,145	3,145	3,093		18,818	3,136
The Chronicle-Herald, Halifax	NS	M-Su	107,735	107,735	107,735	107,735	107,735	113,719	80,147	732,541	104,649
The Barrie Examiner	ON	M-Sa	8,629	8,629	8,629	8,629	8,629	8,629		51,774	8,629
The Daily Press, Timmins	ON	M-Sa	8,990	8,990	8,990	8,990	8,990	8,990		53,940	8,990
The Packet & Times, Orillia	ON	M-Sa	7,518	7,518	7,518	7,518	7,518	7,518		45,108	7,518
The London Free Press	ON	M-Su	84,973	84,973	84,973	84,973	84,973	101,119	62,244	588,228	84,033
The Sentinel-Review, Woodstock	ON	M-Sa	7,097	7,097	7,097	7,097	7,097	7,097		42,582	7,097
Lindsay Daily Post	ON	M-F	4,409	4,409	4,409	4,409	4,409			22,045	4,409
St. Thomas Times-Journal	ON	M-Sa	6,960	6,960	6,960	6,960	6,960	6,960		41,760	6,960
Daily Miner and News, Kenora	ON	M-F	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147			15,735	3,147
The Toronto Sun	ON	M-Su	178,326	178,326	178,326	178,326	178,326	150,492	309,615	1,351,737	193,105
National Post	ON	M-Sa	228,187	228,187	228,187	228,187	228,187	246,527		1,387,462	231,244
Port Hope Evening Guide**	ON	M-F	2,403	2,403	2,403	2,403	2,403			12,015	2,403
Ottawa Citizen	ON	M-Su	132,236	132,236	132,236	132,236	132,236	148,913	138,306	948,399	135,486
The Spectator, Hamilton	ON	M-Sa	105,098	105,098	105,098	105,098	105,098	116,298		641,788	106,965
Cobourg Daily Star**	ON	M-F	4,342	4,342	4,342	4,342	4,342			21,710	4,342
The Daily Observer, Pembroke	ON	M-Sa	5,895	5,895	5,895	5,895	5,895	5,895		35,370	5,895
The Simcoe Reformer	ON	M-F	8,433	8,433	8,433	8,433	8,433			42,165	8,433
The Beacon Herald, Stratford	ON	M-Sa	10,087	10,087	10,087	10,087	10,087	10,087		60,522	10,087
Guelph Mercury	ON	M-Sa	14,875	14,875	14,875	14,875	14,875	14,875		89,250	14,875
The Chatham Daily News	ON	M-Sa	12,868	12,868	12,868	12,868	12,868	12,868		77,208	12,868
The Sudbury Star	ON	M-Sa	17,002	17,002	17,002	17,002	19,842	18,710		106,560	17,760
The Intelligencer, Belleville	ON	M-Sa	13,334	13,334	13,334	13,334	14,276	15,042		82,654	13,776
The Brockville Recorder and Times	ON	M-Sa	11,729	11,729	11,729	11,729	11,729	11,729		70,374	11,729
The Observer, Sarnia	ON	M-Sa	18,556	18,556	18,556	18,556	18,556	21,983		114,763	19,127
The Expositor, Brantford	ON	M-Sa	21,586	21,586	21,586	21,586	21,586	21,586		129,516	21,586
The Peterborough Examiner	ON	M-Sa	20,322	20,322	20,322	20,322	20,614	21,218		123,120	20,520
The Sun Times, Owen Sound	ON	M-Sa	15,837	15,837	15,837	15,837	18,108	15,837		97,293	16,216
The Kingston Whig-Standard	ON	M-Sa	26,129	26,129	26,129	26,129	26,129	31,751		162,396	27,066
The Standard, St. Catharines	ON	M-Sa	29,406	29,406	29,406	29,406	29,406	36,360		183,390	30,565
Le Droit, Ottawa/Gatineau	ON	M-Sa	35,941	35,941	35,941	35,941	35,941	39,889		219,594	36,599

Circulation Data as at March 31st 2006 ABC Fas-Fax, CCAB and Publishers' Statements



Newspaper	Prov.	Frequ. (Mon-Fri Ave)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Weekly Total	Ave Day
The Chronicle-Journal, Thunder Bay	ON	M-Su	28,903	28,903	28,903	28,903	30,984	26,172	201,671	28,810
The Globe and Mail	ON	M-Sa	320,835	320,835	320,835	320,835	410,266		2,014,441	335,740
The Sault Star, Sault Ste. Marie	ON	M-Sa	18,957	18,957	18,957	18,957	18,957		113,742	18,957
Toronto Star	ON	M-Su	435,650	435,650	435,650	435,650	640,367	439,982	3,258,599	465,514
The Tribune, Welland	ON	M-Sa	13,581	13,581	13,581	13,581	13,581		81,486	13,581
The North Bay Nugget	ON	M-Sa	14,531	14,531	14,531	14,531	15,650		88,305	14,718
Standard-Freeholder, Cornwall	ON	M-Sa	14,280	14,280	14,280	14,280	14,280		85,680	14,280
The Windsor Star	ON	M-Sa	69,430	69,430	69,430	69,430	77,891		425,041	70,840
Niagara Falls Review	ON	M-Sa	15,068	15,068	15,068	15,068	17,114		92,454	15,409
The Record, Grand River Valley	ON	M-Sa	66,018	66,018	66,018	66,018	73,852		403,942	67,324
The Ottawa Sun	ON	M-Su	50,724	50,724	50,724	50,724	44,723	50,651	348,994	49,856
The Journal-Pioneer, Summerside	PEI	M-Sa	9,162	9,162	9,162	9,162	9,162		54,972	9,162
The Guardian, Charlottetown	PEI	M-Sa	20,237	20,237	20,237	20,237	20,237		121,422	20,237
La Presse, Montréal	QC	M-Su	202,663	202,663	202,663	202,663	277,935	223,225	1,514,475	216,354
La Tribune, Sherbrooke	QC	M-Sa	32,331	32,331	32,331	32,331	38,824		200,479	33,413
Le Journal de Montréal	QC	M-Su	266,835	266,835	266,835	266,835	314,575	261,375	1,910,125	272,875
Le Quotidien, Chicoutimi	QC	M-Su	28,039	28,039	28,039	28,039	27,709	37,266	205,170	29,310
The Gazette, Montreal	QC	M-Su	142,213	142,213	142,213	142,213	155,533	135,614	1,002,212	143,173
Le Devoir, Montréal	QC	M-Sa	27,875	27,875	27,875	27,875	44,778		184,153	30,692
Le Nouvelliste, Trois-Rivières	QC	M-Sa	44,239	44,239	44,239	44,239	46,057		267,252	44,542
Le Journal de Québec	QC	M-Su	100,725	100,725	100,725	100,725	124,501	103,335	731,461	104,494
The Record, Sherbrooke	QC	M-F	4,938	4,938	4,938	4,938			24,690	4,938
La Voix de l'Est, Granby	QC	M-Sa	15,586	15,586	15,586	15,586	18,033		95,963	15,994
Le Soleil, Québec	QC	M-Su	79,261	79,261	79,261	79,261	112,660	84,143	593,108	84,730
The Times-Herald, Moose Jaw	SK	M-Sa	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,700		52,200	8,700
Prince Albert Daily Herald	SK	M-Sa	7,303	7,303	7,303	7,303	7,303		43,818	7,303
The Leader-Post, Regina	SK	M-Sa	49,206	49,206	49,206	49,206	53,101		299,131	49,855
The StarPhoenix, Saskatoon	SK	M-Sa	55,400	55,400	55,400	55,400	60,648		337,648	56,275
The Whitehorse Star	Yukon	M-F	2,321	2,321	2,321	2,321			11,605	2,321
2006 all dailies			4,607,295	4,607,295	4,607,295	4,620,770	5,119,813	2,905,788	31,075,551	4,753,070
2005 all dailies			4,634,036	4,634,036	4,634,036	4,755,338	5,189,064	2,897,472	31,378,018	4,798,959
Change 06/05			0.994	0.994	0.994	0.972	0.987	1.003	0.990	0.990
**Port Hope, Cobourg papers now only 5 days, Mon-Fri										

This is Exhibit "c"
to the Affidavit of
R. Susan Barrett
Sworn before me
this 7th day of
March, 2007

Paul N. Hughes
A Commissioner, etc.
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EB-2007-0544

Ontario Energy Board

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE AND NOTICE OF COMBINED PROCEEDING AND HEARING RELATING TO SMART METERS

HYDRO OTTAWA LIMITED

Hydro Ottawa Limited has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on January 26, 2007 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B). The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2007-0544. This Notice contains important information about participation in the hearing associated with the applicant's rate change application ("rate proceeding") and about participation in a combined proceeding relating to rate adjustments for smart meters ("smart meter combined proceeding").

Hydro Ottawa Limited has applied to the Board to change its distribution rates. The application has been filed on the basis of the guidelines set out in the December 20, 2006 "Report of the Board on Cost of Capital and 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors", available from the Board as described under "Need More Information?" below.

The standard electricity bill for residential and small general service customers has four line items: Electricity; Delivery; Regulatory and Debt Retirement Charge. The rate change application affects only the Delivery line of that bill. If approved, a typical residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience an approximate decrease of 0.4% in the electricity bill. A small general service customer consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of 50 kW or lower would experience an approximate decrease of 0.4%.

Hydro Ottawa Limited may apply for a specific rate adjustment related to smart meters. This adjustment is referred to as a "smart meter adder", and represents temporary advance funding to facilitate the acquisition and installation of smart meters through the 2007 rate year. If a smart meter adder is applied for, **the percentage decreases in the electricity bill referred to above do not include the amount of Hydro Ottawa Limited's smart meter adder.** The prudence of the amount requested by Hydro Ottawa Limited for its smart meter adder will not be examined as part of the rates proceeding. It will be dealt with in a separate process at a later date.

As a starting point to that future process, certain general principles will be the subject of a combined proceeding for which a hearing will be held after May 1, 2007. The combined proceeding will involve a number of electricity distributors, and may include or consider Hydro Ottawa Limited's smart meter adder. Further information about the treatment of smart meter adders and the nature and scope of the combined proceeding may be found in the January 29, 2007 "Report of the Board on 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors: Addendum for Smart Metering Rates", available from the Board as described under "Need More Information?" below.

How to see Hydro Ottawa Limited's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's offices in Toronto and on its website, and at the Hydro Ottawa Limited offices and on its website, if available.

How to Participate in the Rate Proceeding

The Board intends to proceed with Hydro Ottawa Limited's rate change application by way of written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. If you object to a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any objections to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant at the addresses below no later than **10 days** from the date of publication of this Notice or, if you have been served this Notice directly, no later than 10 days from the date of service. The Board will not award costs in this matter.

Proceeding by way of written hearing, the Board requests interested parties to file submissions, in writing, setting out their views on the application. You must forward three paper copies and, if possible, an electronic copy in Word format and in searchable PDF format of your submission to the Board and one copy to the applicant at the addresses below. All submissions must be received by the Board and the applicant at the addresses below no later than **21 days** from the date of publication of this Notice or, if you have been served this Notice directly, no later than 21 days from the date of service. If Hydro Ottawa Limited wishes to respond to a submission, the response must be filed with the Board and copied to the party that made the submission no later than **7 days** from the date of receipt of the submission.

How to Participate in the Smart Meter Combined Proceeding

If you wish to participate in the smart meter combined proceeding, you must separately notify the Board of your intention to do so even if you are participating in the hearing on Hydro Ottawa Limited's rate change application. Application for intervenor status and cost eligibility must be by letter and received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the date of publication of this Notice or, if you have been served this Notice directly, no later than 10 days from the date of service. If you have notified the Board of your interest in the combined proceeding, you will receive further details regarding participation in, and the timing and conduct of, the combined proceeding once these become available.

How to Make Filings to the Board

All filings to the Board must quote File No. EB-2007-0544, and clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number and, when available a fax number and e-mail address. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

RATE PROCEEDING: IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN PROCEEDING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING BY FILING A SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITH THE RATE PROCEEDING WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

SMART METER COMBINED PROCEEDING: IF YOU DO NOT NOTIFY THE BOARD OF YOUR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SMART METER COMBINED PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITH THE SMART METER COMBINED PROCEEDING WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

ADDRESSES

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DATED at Toronto, February 8, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Peter H. O'Dell
Assistant Board Secretary

The Applicant:

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Ontario
EB-2007-0544

Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

AVIS DE REQUÊTE ET D'AUDIENCE ÉCRITE CONCERNANT LES MODIFICATIONS TARIFAIRES DE DISTRIBUTION D'ÉLECTRICITÉ ET AVIS D'INSTANCE ET D'AUDIENCE COMBINÉES CONCERNANT LES COMPTEURS INTELLIGENTS

HYDRO OTTAWA LIMITED

Hydro Ottawa Limited a déposé une requête auprès de la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (la « Commission »), en date du 26 janvier 2007, aux termes de l'article 78 de la Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario, L.O. c. 15 (annexe B). La Commission a assigné à cette requête le numéro EB-2007-0544. Cet avis contient des renseignements importants relativement à la participation à l'audience associée à la requête de modification tarifaire déposée par le requérant (« instance en matière tarifaire »), ainsi qu'à la participation à une instance combinée concernant les rajustements tarifaires des compteurs intelligents (« instance combinée concernant les compteurs intelligents »).

Hydro Ottawa Limited a présenté une requête auprès de la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario afin de modifier ses tarifs de distribution. La requête a été déposée conformément aux lignes directrices fixées dans le « Report of the Board on Cost of Capital and 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors » publié le 20 décembre 2006, que vous pouvez obtenir auprès de la Commission de la manière décrite dans la section « Vous voulez en savoir plus? ».

La facture d'électricité normalisée des consommateurs résidentiels et des petits consommateurs du service général comporte quatre lignes : Frais d'électricité, Frais de livraison, Frais réglementés et Redevance de liquidation de la dette. La requête en modifications tarifaires concerne uniquement la ligne Frais de livraison de la facture. Si elle est approuvée, le consommateur résidentiel typique qui utilise 1 000 kWh par mois constatera une diminution d'environ 0,4 % sur sa facture d'électricité. Le petit consommateur du service général qui utilise 2 000 kWh par mois et dont la demande mensuelle est égale ou inférieure à 50 kW constatera une diminution d'environ 0,4 % sur sa facture d'électricité.

Hydro Ottawa Limited peut déposer une requête pour un rajustement tarifaire concernant spécifiquement les compteurs intelligents. Ce rajustement est appelé « additionneur pour compteurs intelligents » et représente un financement anticipé provisoire qui vise à faciliter l'acquisition et l'installation de compteurs intelligents pendant l'année tarifaire 2007. Si une requête est déposée afin de demander un additionneur pour compteurs intelligents, le pourcentage de diminution dans la facture d'électricité indiqué précédemment exclut le montant de l'additionneur pour compteurs intelligents de Hydro Ottawa Limited. Le caractère prudent du montant demandé par Hydro Ottawa Limited relativement à son additionneur pour compteurs intelligents ne sera pas examiné dans le cadre de l'instance tarifaire. Cette question sera examinée à une date ultérieure, au cours d'un processus séparé.

Comme point de départ à cette future procédure, certains principes généraux feront l'objet d'une instance combinée, pour laquelle une audience sera tenue après le 1^{er} mai 2007. L'instance combinée intéressera un certain nombre de distributeurs d'électricité et pourra comprendre ou examiner l'additionneur pour compteurs intelligents de Hydro Ottawa Limited. Il est possible de trouver davantage de renseignements sur le traitement des additionneurs pour compteurs intelligents, ainsi que sur l'instance combinée en consultant le document « Report of the Board on 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors: Addendum for Smart Metering Rates » publié le 29 janvier 2007, de la manière indiquée à la section « Vous voulez en savoir plus? ».

Comment consulter les documents présentés par Hydro Ottawa Limited

Des exemplaires de la requête sont disponibles pour consultation dans les bureaux de la Commission à Toronto et dans son site Web, ainsi qu'aux bureaux de Hydro Ottawa Limited et dans son site Web, le cas échéant.

Comment participer à l'instance tarifaire

La Commission entend procéder par voie d'audience écrite relativement à la requête de modifications tarifaires de Hydro Ottawa Limited, à moins qu'une partie ne présente à la Commission des raisons qui justifient la tenue d'une audience orale. Si vous vous objectez à une audience écrite en l'espèce, vous devrez fournir des motifs écrits pour expliquer la nécessité d'une audience orale. Toutes les objections à la tenue d'une audience écrite doivent parvenir à la Commission, et au requérant, au plus tard 10 jours suivant la date de publication du présent avis ou, si cet avis vous a été signifié directement, au plus tard 10 jours suivant la date de réception de l'avis, aux adresses indiquées plus bas. La Commission n'attribuera pas de frais sur cette question.

Lorsqu'elle tient une instance par audience écrite, la Commission demande aux parties intéressées de déposer des observations par écrit, qui expliquent leur point de vue sur la requête. Vous devez faire parvenir trois exemplaires papier de vos observations et, dans la mesure du possible, une copie électronique en format Word et en format PDF (permettant la recherche) à la Commission, ainsi qu'un exemplaire au requérant, aux adresses indiquées plus bas. Toutes les observations doivent parvenir à la Commission et au requérant, au plus tard 21 jours suivant la date de publication du présent avis ou, si cet avis vous a été signifié directement, au plus tard 21 jours suivant la date de réception de l'avis, aux adresses indiquées plus bas. Si Hydro Ottawa Limited entend répondre à des observations, sa réponse doit être déposée auprès de la Commission et un exemplaire doit être envoyé à la partie qui a fait les observations, au plus tard 7 jours suivant la date de réception de ces observations.

Comment participer à l'instance combinée pour les compteurs intelligents

Si vous entendez participer à l'instance combinée pour les compteurs intelligents, vous devez aviser la Commission de votre intention séparément, même si vous participez à l'audience relative à la requête en modifications tarifaires de Hydro Ottawa Limited. Toutes les observations doivent parvenir à la Commission et au requérant, au plus tard 10 jours suivant la date de publication du présent avis ou, si cet avis vous a été signifié directement, au plus tard 10 jours suivant la date de réception de l'avis, aux adresses indiquées plus bas. Si vous avez avisé la Commission de votre intérêt à participer à l'instance combinée, vous recevrez des détails supplémentaires concernant votre participation, le moment et la conduite de cette instance combinée, dès qu'ils seront disponibles.

Comment déposer des documents auprès de la Commission

Tous les documents déposés auprès de la Commission doivent citer le numéro de dossier EB-2007-0544, en plus d'indiquer clairement le nom, l'adresse postale et numéro de téléphone de l'expéditeur ainsi que, lorsque ces renseignements sont disponibles, un numéro de télécopieur et une adresse de courriel. Toutes les communications doivent être adressées au secrétaire de la Commission à l'adresse indiquée plus bas, et doivent être reçues au plus tard à 16 h 45 le jour exigé.

Vous voulez en savoir plus?

Vous pouvez obtenir davantage de renseignements sur la manière de participer en visitant le site Web de la Commission www.oeb.gov.on.ca ou en appelant notre Centre des relations avec les consommateurs au 1 877 632-2727.

This is Exhibit "D"
to the Affidavit of
R. Susan Barrett
Sworn before
me this 7th day
of March 2007

A. Commissioner P.E.
Paul N. Hughes

IMPORTANT

INSTANCE TARIFAIRE : SI VOUS NE DÉPOSEZ PAS D'OBJECTION À UNE INSTANCE ÉCRITE OU NE PARTICIPEZ PAS À L'INSTANCE EN DÉPOSANT DES OBSERVATIONS CONFORMÉMENT À CET AVIS, LA COMMISSION POURRA PROCÉDER SANS VOTRE PARTICIPATION ET VOUS NE RECEVREZ PAS D'AUTRE AVIS RELATIVEMENT À CETTE INSTANCE.

INSTANCE COMBINÉE POUR COMPTEURS INTELLIGENTS : SI VOUS N'AVEZ PAS LA COMMISSION DE VOTRE INTENTION DE PARTICIPER À L'INSTANCE COMBINÉE POUR COMPTEURS INTELLIGENTS CONFORMÉMENT AU PRÉSENT AVIS, LA COMMISSION POURRA PROCÉDER AVEC L'INSTANCE COMBINÉE POUR COMPTEURS INTELLIGENTS SANS VOTRE PARTICIPATION ET VOUS NE RECEVREZ PAS D'AUTRE AVIS RELATIVEMENT À CETTE INSTANCE.

ADRESSES**Commission**

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Fait à Toronto le 8 février 2007.

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