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December 6, 2002

Larry McCabe
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West Coast Huron Energy Inc.
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Dear Mr. McCabe:

**Re: West Coast Huron Energy Inc.
Electricity Rate Change
Board File No. RP-2002-0063/EB-2002-0072**

We are attaching a corrected page of the Board's Decision and Order. Please note the insertion at reference point 21 and substitute this page in the Decision dated November 8, 2002.

Yours truly,

Peter H. O'Dell
Assistant Board Secretary

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The Board published a generic Notice in newspapers across Ontario informing ratepayers of the distribution rate adjustments to be effective March 1, 2002 and providing the opportunity for ratepayers to participate in the proceeding or comment on the utility's application. In response to the Board's generic Notice, the Board received a total of 148 submissions in the form of a letter, facsimile, or e-mail. The total may be apportioned to the following four categories:

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- 100 were copies of a template submission seeking an oral hearing, wanting to make oral submissions, claiming that rates are not just and reasonable. Another 9 were of the same template but indicated they did not wish to make an oral submission.
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- 10 indicated that there should be an oral hearing and wanted to make a submission..
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- 11 indicated that there should be an oral hearing but did not wish to make an oral submission.
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- 18 made substantive submissions.

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In some cases the submission named a specific electricity distributor, in other cases it did not. The Applicant was not named in any of the submissions.

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By letter dated February 11, 2002 the Board directed electricity distributors to serve the Notice to the municipal corporation in the distributors' service area. No submissions were received.

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The Applicant re-filed its application on October 4, 2002, maintaining the effective date of March 1, 2002 but introducing an implementation date of December 1, 2002. The Applicant applied to adjust its distribution rates for the following:

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- Input Price Inflation (IPI) and Productivity Factor as provided for in the Performance Based Regulation (PBR) Plan;
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- the second of three installments of the utility's incremental Market Adjusted Revenue Requirement (MARR), \$32,781.64;
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- the 2001 deferred Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILs"), \$16,728;
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- the 2002 Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILs"), \$155,069;
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- an interim transition cost recovery of \$195,582; and,
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- a three-month Rate Rider starting December 1, 2002 to recover the distribution revenue not recovered during the period from the effective date of March 1, 2002 to November 30, 2002.

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Copies of the Application and supporting material are available for review at the Board's offices.