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Ontario Energy Board
Board Secretary
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By Email: BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca

Re: Status ED-2012-0074

Dear Board Secretary:

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued Dubreuil Lumber Inc. (Dubreuil) an interim electricity distribution licence, first on March 5, 2012 which expired March 4, 2013 and then again on March 5, 2013 for an additional 8 months. Our current licence expires December 4, 2013.

It was my understanding that the Board would use this additional 8 months time to find a solution to Dubreuil's request not to be licenced.

For many years Dubreuil was exempt from being licenced, that is until Ontario Regulation 98/03 removed that exemption. My understanding is that Clause 57 (a) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, and amendments made in 2003 is what required us to become licenced to own and operate the distribution system. Up until 2003 we were exempt from this requirement through Regulation 161/99 Section 4.0.1 (c). Regulation 161/99 was amended (Filed as O. Reg. 98/03 on March 26, 2003) to include Dubreuil Forest Products Limited.

I believe this was done at the time to have customers of Dubreuil eligible for a one time payment from Great Lakes Power made under Subs. 79.1(16) of the Act through an amendment to Regulation 339/02 (Filed as O. Reg. 99/03 on March 26, 2003).

Dubreuil is not an electricity distribution company. Dubreuil is a company that owns a sawmill facility in Dubreuilville, Ontario that manufactures softwood dimensional lumber products. Dubreuil holds an interim Distribution Licence which authorizes us to own and operate a distribution system in Dubreuilville, Ontario for the purposes of providing electricity to approximately 300 customers in the community. This is something that we would rather not do, as it is not our primary business

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and the rules and regulations that electricity distributors are required to follow use far too much of our resources for servicing 300 customers. There has to be a better more efficient way to do this.

We have had various discussions over the past few years, particularly with Algoma Power about taking over the distribution system, as the distribution of electricity is their primary business, and they are the ones that supply electricity to us which we in turn distribute to the residents of Dubreuilville. We have not made too much progress on that front.

As previously stated, our core business is not as an electricity distribution company but rather a manufacturer of softwood lumber. Until such time that we are able to sell the distribution assets, it is our intention to continue running the distribution system as we have in the past. It is our intention not to cause harm or create issues for the customers in Dubreuilville.

In previous conversations with the OEB they had indicated that it may be possible to have someone look into the history of the events that required Dubreuil to become a licenced distributor. Any assistance you could provide in having us not be a licenced distributor would be greatly appreciated.

Until such time that a solution can be found, I suspect from a technical standpoint we require some kind of licence to continue to supply electricity to the residents of Dubreuilville, Ontario.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to give me a call or email at your convenience.

Yours very truly,



David Jennings
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Dubreuil Lumber Inc.