



EB-2007-0095

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. seeking an order to make changes to its Conservation and Demand Management plan;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. under section 21(4)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking to dispose of the proceeding without a hearing.

BEFORE: Gordon Kaiser
Presiding Member and Vice Chair

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. filed an application, dated March 14, 2007 for an order to approve changes to its Conservation and Demand Management (“CDM”) plan. Woodstock Hydro has also requested, pursuant to subsection 21(4)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the “Act”) that the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) dispose of the proceeding without a hearing. The Board assigned file number EB-2007-0095 to this application.

On February 8, 2005, Woodstock Hydro was granted approval of its CDM plan. The total approved budget for Woodstock Hydro’s CDM plan is \$419,838. As a condition of approval, Woodstock Hydro was ordered to apply to the Board for approval if cumulative fund transfers among programs exceeded 20% of the approved budget.

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Woodstock Hydro seeks to reallocate some of the funds allocated to their existing CDM programs.

Woodstock had originally allocated \$200,000 to be invested in Metering programs. Woodstock cites that the 'Pay-As-You-Go' metering system is no longer recognized as meeting the requirements for smart metering criteria. Woodstock Hydro requests that amounts totalling \$114,500 be re-allocated to existing programs as outlined in their original CDM plan.

Woodstock Hydro cited that the Renewable Energy program will invest time and resources towards public education and awareness campaigns. The program is delivered as part of their Education and Promotion activities, but listed as a separate item to avoid ambiguity. 'Education and Promotion' is a previously approved program. The proposed funding transfers are outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Requested changes to CDM budget

Program	Original Budget	Proposed Budget	Net Change
Conservation Website	\$14,000	\$25,000	\$11,000
Customer Survey	\$1,000	\$3,500	\$2,500
Education and Promotion	\$30,000	\$61,000	\$31,000
Partnership/Sponsorship	\$25,000	\$32,000	\$7,000
Power Factor Audits/Projects	\$90,000	\$106,000	\$16,000
Signal/Street Light Efficiency	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
System Optimization	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Renewable Energy	\$0	\$47,000	\$47,000
Smart/Interval/Pay-As-You-Go Meters	\$200,000	\$85,500	(\$114,500)
Total	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$0

Woodstock Hydro has also requested that the Board dispose of this matter without a hearing pursuant to section 21(4)(b) of the Act. Section 21(4)(b) of the Act 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 of a proceeding without a hearing."*

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Woodstock Hydro issued public notice of its original CDM application (RP-2004-0203 / EB-2004-0502) as directed by the Board. There were no intervenors in the application. Based on the evidence filed, and in consideration of the level of participant involvement in the original proceeding, the Board finds that no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this proceeding, and therefore finds that a hearing is not necessary.

The Board finds that the activities proposed by Woodstock Hydro qualify as CDM activities.

The Board approves the re-allocation of funds as proposed by Woodstock Hydro.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. is granted approval to reallocate the funds with the CDM plan as outlined in Table 1, and as set out in this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto, May 1, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter H. O'Dell
Assistant Board Secretary