

RP-2005-0020 EB-2005-0416

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 St. Thomas Energy Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, effective May 1, 2006.

BEFORE: Paul Vlahos

Presiding Member

Bob Betts Member

INTERIM RATE ORDER

St. Thomas Energy Inc. ("St. Thomas Energy") is a licensed distributor providing electrical service to consumers within its defined service area. St. Thomas Energy filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity and other matters, to be effective May 1, 2006.

The processing of St. Thomas Energy's Application is not yet concluded, and final rates for 2006 will not be determined for implementation by May 1, 2006. Pending the issuance of final rates for 2006, the Board finds that existing rates shall be declared interim.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The approved rates of St. Thomas Energy Inc., effective on April 30, 2006, are declared interim as of May 1, 2006 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the Board.

DATED at Toronto, April 27, 2006.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Peter H. O'Dell

Assistant Board Secretary