

RP-2004-0203 EB-2006-0190

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 Hydro Ottawa Limited to amend its Conservation and Demand Management Plan

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

On July 27, 2006 Hydro Ottawa Limited ("Hydro Ottawa") applied to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") to redirect funds within its Conservation and Demand Management ("CDM") plan (attached as Appendix "A"). The Board has assigned this application file EB-2006-0190 to this application.

Hydro Ottawa received approval of its CDM plan and budget on February 3, 2005. The approved budget is \$9,279,000 which is equivalent to Hydro Ottawa's third instalment of its incremental market adjusted revenue requirement. In approving Hydro Ottawa's CDM plan the Board imposed a number of conditions. One of those conditions required that Hydro Ottawa apply to the Board if it wanted to propose cumulative fund transfers among programs exceeding 20% of the approved budget. Hydro Ottawa is now applying for Board approval for such a transfer.

The Board is of the view that this application is a motion pursuant to section 42.01 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the "Rules"). The grounds for a motion under this section of the Rules are laid out in section 44.01. Legitimate grounds may include a change in circumstances and new facts that have arisen and were not included in evidence at the time of the proceeding.

The Board will allow parties that intervened in Hydro Ottawa's original CDM application as well as the third tranche CDM proceeding to comment on the proposed change. Hydro Ottawa will then be allowed an opportunity to respond to those submissions.

At this time, the Board considers it necessary to make provisions for the following procedural matter. Please be aware that further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- Parties identified in Appendix "B" shall make submissions, if any, to the Board respecting Hydro Ottawa's proposed change as described in Appendix "A".
 All submission shall be made on or before September 29, 2006.
- 2. Hydro Ottawa shall file reply submissions, if any, on or before October 13, 2006.
- 3. All filings with the Board noted in the Order must be in the form of 10 hard copies and received by the Board by 5:00 p.m. on the stated date. The Board requires all correspondence to be in electronic form as well as paper. Therefore, all parties must also e-mail an electronic copy of their filings in searchable PDF or MS Word to the Board Secretary at Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca.

DATED at Toronto, September 20, 2006

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter H. O'Dell Assistant Board Secretary

APPENDIX "A"

TO PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

BOARD FILE NO. EB-2006-0190

DATED: September 20, 2006

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Re: RP-2004-0203\EB-2004-0487

Hydro Ottawa Limited

Request for Approval of Modification to Conservation and Demand Management

Spending

On February 3, 2005 Hydro Ottawa Limited ("Hydro Ottawa") received approval for a budget of \$9,279,000 for its conservation and demand management (CDM) plan as submitted for the Board's review in the application dated November 4, 2004 and amended on December 6, 2004. The approved budget is included in Appendix A for reference.

As per the Final Order, Hydro Ottawa is required to 'apply to the Board for approval if cumulative fund transfers among programs exceed 20% of the approved budget' (i.e. \$1,855,800).

In the process of doing our planning for the final year of 3rd tranche CDM spending, we have evaluated our results to date and reviewed directions from the Ministry of Energy and Ontario Power Authority (OPA) Conservation Bureau. As a result, Hydro Ottawa wishes to redirect some of its CDM funds in order to further align our plan with the Provincial goal of building a culture of conservation. It should be noted that this is an administrative matter related to the reallocation of funds between existing programs from Hydro Ottawa's original CDM plan, not the introduction of new programs.

Hydro Ottawa hereby request the Board's approval for modifications to our CDM plan. One of the key lessons learned to date is that creating a conservation culture is a challenging communications effort that requires the delivery of multiple customer messages combined with a broad variety of programs for each market sector. For this reason, Hydro Ottawa is proposing to provide a stronger focus initially on the Residential and Small Commercial (<50 kW) customers to accelerate the development of this conservation culture.



Accordingly, Hydro Ottawa proposes to transfer funds from the Commercial, Industrial and Institutional (CI&I), Distributed Energy and Distribution Line Reduction Program areas into the very successful area of Residential and Small Commercial Programs. The modifications for which approval is sought are as follows:

1. Increase spending by \$3,100,000 in the Residential and Small Commercial (< 50 kW) Program Area

This increased spending will be used to test additional pilot programs and expand those pilots programs that have achieved successful results. For example, Project Porchlight (part of Co-branded Mass Marketing) started with 25,000 CFL bulbs being delivered door to door and will now be expanded to Hydro Ottawa's full service area (approximately 250,000 bulbs). The Refrigerator Buy Back Pilot was extremely well received. The original goal of 500 fridges was achieved within 6 weeks, less than half the time expected. Increased funding will allow us to further improve efficiencies and costs in the reclamation process and target a larger number of fridges. In addition, the program has been expanded to include freezers.

Hydro Ottawa proposes to expand the Residential Load Control Program through the PeakSaver program, which will target residential and small commercial customers' central air conditioners with outside condensers. Controlling these loads will directly reduce the summer peak kWs and help ease Ontario's constrained supply.

In order to provide the above programs as well as other planned residential pilots, it is necessary to reduce spending on other programs to stay within our allowable budget. Therefore Hydro Ottawa is also requesting approval of the following modification to our approved CDM budget:

2. Decrease program spending in the following areas:

Distribution Loss Reduction	\$1,900,000
Commercial, Industrial & Institutional (> 50 kW)	\$800,000
Load Displacement	\$300,000
Program Support	\$100,000
Total	\$3,100,000

Hydro Ottawa is spending \$1.2M on Distribution Loss Reduction Pilot Programs as part of the CDM funding. This includes five different initiatives: installation of an AdaptiVolt® system to optimize the voltage on station feeders, transformer loss reduction, optimization of the distribution system configuration, voltage conversion and power factor correction. Once the results of these pilot programs are known, Hydro Ottawa will be budgeting for additional Distribution Loss Reduction initiatives in operating and capital plans for future years. Hydro Ottawa has recently filed with the OEB a plan to reduce distribution losses by 5%.

Hydro Ottawa is mindful of the requirement to complete 3rd tranche CDM spending by September 2007. Although our PowerWISE Business Incentive Program has been successful to date, participants and results have been limited due to the long program approval cycles within CI&I organizations. Their



budgeting and approval process requires a significant amount of time when considering and implementing new, previously unbudgeted programs. Because of the requirement to ensure that 3rd tranche CDM expenditures are completed by Sept 2007, Hydro Ottawa is requesting that funds from the CI&I Load Control Initiative and Design Advisory Program be redirected to Residential Programs. CI&I programs are being planned as an integral part of 2nd generation CDM programs.

For the Load Displacement Program, Hydro Ottawa is completing a demonstration site for a solar thermal collector system, designed to provide both space heating and water heating. However, the project will be completed for less than the budgeted amount. As a result, approval is being sought to transfer the excess funds to the Residential and Small Commercial (< 50 kW) Program area.

As a result of efficiencies in Program Support, Hydro Ottawa also requests approval to reduce the spending in this area and transfer it to the Residential and Small Commercial (< 50 kW) Program area.

There is no overall change in our CDM budget, which will be fully spent by September 2007. The requested changes are summarized in Appendix A.

Please direct any questions or comments to the undersigned at (613) 738-5499 ext. 527 or lynneanderson@hydroottawa.com.

Yours truly,

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Hydro Ottawa



APPENDIX A

HYDRO OTTAWA REQUESTED CHANGES TO CDM BUDGET

CDM PROGRAM	Approved	Revised Budget for	Change
	Budget	Approval	
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)
CONSERVATION AND DEMAND	\$1,949	\$5,049	+\$3,100
MANAGEMENT-Residential and Small Commercial			
(<50 kW)			
CONSERVATION AND DEMAND	\$2,783	\$1,983	-\$800
MANAGEMENT-Commercial, Industrial &			
Institutional Market (>50 kW)			
DISTRIBUTION LOSS REDUCTION	\$3,155	\$1,255	-\$1,900
DISTRIBUTED ENERGY	\$928	\$628	-\$300
PROGRAM SUPPORT	\$464	\$364	-\$100
TOTAL	\$9,279	\$9,279	\$0

APPENDIX "B" TO PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 BOARD FILE NO. EB-2006-0190

DATED: September 20, 2006

INTERVENTION LIST

Intervention List

RP-2004-0203/ EB-2004-0487 Hydro Ottawa Intervention

Conservation and Demand Management Plan

APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENTIONS

Last update: September 14, 2006

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