



## *Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts Association Inc.*

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May 26, 2008

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**RE:     Application to Extend Third Tranche CDM Funding Beyond September 30, 2007**

Enclosed please find a submission from Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. a member of the Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concept (CHEC) Local Distribution Companies requesting an extension of the time over which the previously approved conservation and demand management third tranche budget is spent. The initial CDM Plans were submitted and approved as a combined application **File No. RP-2004-0203/EB-2004-0502**.

The details of the request from Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution are enclosed. The submissions requests:

- an extension to October 31, 2008
- Revision of expenditures and
- that the Ontario Energy Board dispose of the proceeding without a hearing pursuant to subsection 21(4)(b) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.

The change in the distribution of the funds will allow the LDC to meet a conservation need that has been identified as the program delivery developed. The installation of interval meters in commercial and industrial customers meets a niche for improved information not addressed by other conservation programs while avoiding duplication with OPA and existing programs in the marketplace. The interval metering program combined with customer education on the use of the data from the meters will provide support for industrial and commercial partners to monitor and impact on their energy use. While the majority of the approved funds have been invested in CDM programs the extension along with the redistribution will help to ensure any remaining funds are appropriately invested in conservation initiatives in their communities.

To further explain the redistribution of funds the following information is provided:

**Conservation Website:** The combined conservation website development has been completed and is now on-line. The remaining funding is not required for this activity.

**Energy Audits:** With the current audit programs, ERIP and direct install initiatives from the OPA the audit needs are being addressed. Transfer of the funding will not create a void within the audit category.

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**Partnerships & Sponsorship:** Partnership opportunities have been reviewed over the course of the program. At this stage of the program delivery, partnering with the commercial & industrial sector through the installation of improved metering and providing education on how to interpret and use the information is deemed most beneficial. The transfer of funds to the Interval Meter category will accomplish the goal of education, partnering and providing information for improved operations and reduced energy use for the customer.

Pursuant to the Board's request ten (10) paper copies and one electronic copy in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format of the application is submitted.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of CHEC & Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gordon A. Eamer".

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April 24, 2008

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**RE: RP-2004-0203 – EB-2004-0502 – EB 2007-0751**

Dear Ms. Walli,

On November 19, 2004, Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc., along with 17 other LDCs as members of Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts Association Inc. (CHEC) filed an application for a Final Order pre-approving its individual Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) plan. The Board reviewed the application, and following a Notice of Written Hearing which was duly published and received no intervenor comments, the plan received final approval dated February 8, 2005.

One of the conditions of the aforementioned approval requires Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. to apply to the Board for approval if cumulative fund transfers among the programs exceed 20% of the approved budget. The Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. CDM Budget is \$120,000 split amongst a number of programs.

The following chart displays the original programs and approved funding on file with the OEB. In addition, the chart contains the requested re-allocation of funding. Much of the redistribution of funds reflects the current and expected initiatives of the Ontario Power Authorities' LDC conservation program rollout. We wish to support these initiatives and avoid the possibility of duplication the delivery of programs. A new addition to our plan is an allocation of funding to cover the installation of interval meters for our larger industrial customers. It is our intent to share the results of this project with the members of the CHEC group.

Measures	Approved Budget	Revised Budget
<b>Tier One</b>		
Customer Survey	\$1,000	\$1,000
Conservation Website	\$15,000	\$3,700
Education and Promotion	\$19,000	\$15,300
<b>Tier Two</b>		
Energy Audits and Projects	\$10,000	\$1,800
Partnerships/Sponsorship	\$15,000	\$1,000
System Optimization	\$60,000	\$52,000
Smart Meters	\$0	\$5,200
Interval Meters	\$0	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>

Apart from the minor investment allowing us to continue participating in the Smart Meter Standards work groups, the balance of the revised allocation of funds will allow Rideau St. Lawrence to undertake an Interval Metering Project, a tier two program under the original CHEC application.

RSL had devoted a great deal of its time and resources to complete the 2008 rebasing – cost of service application. The resources required to complete than objective did not allow RSL the appropriate time to implement its planned CD & M objectives. We now have a better understanding of the OPA's programming and as a result we see a need to redistribute spending as indicated in the above table. A project such as interval metering will complement the OPA's - ERIP programming of which RSL is a partner in.

This request for re-allocation of funds and extension of spending time frames is applied for in this request further to the approved extension in File Number EB-2007-0751. We expect that the interval metering program would be completed by October 31, 2008. We would respectfully request the extension of time for completing the revised programming to October 31, 2008.

### **3.1 Metering (from CHEC Original Application)**

The pilot studies will allow Rideau St, Lawrence to gain technical knowledge and familiarity with an interval metering technology.

The objective would be to share the results for the benefit of all in the CHEC group.

The program will focus on the specific needs of industrial customers with an average demand of greater than 200 kW, which will target 22 industrial customers.

The Industrial rollout may include:

- Roll out of interval all customers in the industrial class greater than 200kW demand.se classes

- Replacement of electromechanical meters with interval meters when they come due for recalibration
- Accelerated meter replacement initiatives

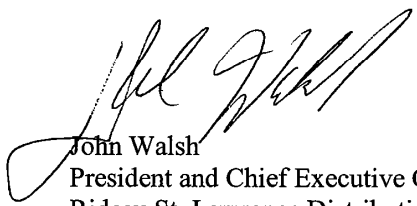
Rideau St. Lawrence is anxious to proceed with its' own interval metering program.

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. respectfully requests that the Ontario Energy Board dispose of the proceeding without a hearing pursuant to subsection 21(4)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") which 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 license holder will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding, and the applicant, appellant or license holder has consented to disposing of a proceeding without a hearing."

It is our contention that "no person" will be adversely affected in any material way, as it will be the customers of Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. who will remain the ultimate beneficiaries of the expenditures. We believe in fact that the redistribution of funds represents an improved allocation of funding across our customer base over the original plan approved by the OEB on February 8, 2005.

I would be pleased to answer any specific questions related to this request.

We thank you for consideration of this proposal.



John Walsh  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.