



EB-2008-0116

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 Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. seeking a decision and order to make changes to its Conservation and Demand Management plan;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution 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

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. ("Rideau" or the "Applicant") filed an application, dated May 29, 2008 for a decision and order seeking approval for a reallocation of funds and timeline extension to complete spending in relation to third tranche spending of its approved Conservation and Demand Management ("CDM") plan. Rideau 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-2008-0116 to this application.

On February 8, 2005, Rideau was granted approval of its CDM plan. The total approved budget for Rideau's CDM plan is \$120,000.

Rideau seeks to reallocate funds from its approved CDM plan (RP-2004-0203/EB-2004-0502) in the amount of \$90,400. One of the conditions of approval requires Rideau to apply to the Board for approval if cumulative fund transfers among the programs exceed 20% of the approved budget.

Rideau proposes to reallocate \$90,400. Of the funds to be reallocated, Rideau has proposed to dedicate a large portion into its Smart Meter and Interval Metering programs extracting funds from various previously approved programs. Specifically, \$5,200 will be used to allow Rideau to continue participating in the Smart Meter Standards work groups. The remaining \$40,000 will be targeted towards the installation of interval meters for Rideau's larger industrial customers. The pilot study will allow Rideau to gain technical knowledge and familiarity with an interval metering technology with the results to be shared amongst the Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts Association Inc. (CHEC) group.

Rideau has also requested an extension to exhaust spending of approved third tranche funds from April 30, 2008 to October 31, 2008 as understanding of the Ontario Power Authority's (OPA) programming took slightly longer than anticipated. Rideau notes that a project such as interval metering will complement the OPA's Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program (ERIP) of which Rideau is a partner in.

Rideau 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."*

The Board approves the reallocation of funds and timeline extension as proposed by Rideau.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. is granted approval to reallocate funds totaling \$90,400. This total is comprised of reallocating \$11,300 from the Conservation Website, \$3,700 from the Education and Promotion Program, \$8,200 from the Energy Audits and Projects Program, \$14,000 from the Partnerships and Sponsorships Program and \$8,000 from the System Optimization Program which will now be used to fund the Smart Meters Program in the amount of \$5,200 and the Interval Meters Program in the amount of \$40,000.

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. is granted approval to extend the completion date to exhaust third tranche CDM expenditures from April 30, 2008 to October 31, 2008.

DATED at Toronto, July 31, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary