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Ms. Kirsten Walli *12/11/09*
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

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**RE: DISTRIBUTION LICENCE AMENDMENT APPLICATION – ALGOMA POWER INC.
EB-2009-0403**

Dear Ms. Walli:

Algoma Power Inc. has been asked to provide evidence related to communications with its electricity distribution customers concerning the name change from Great Lakes Power Distribution Inc. to Algoma Power Inc. Attached to this letter are three documents related to customer communications, these are:

1. A direct mailing to each customer that has accompanied the most recent electricity invoice issued. All customers will have received this notice by December 29, 2009.
2. A news release from Fortis Inc., the parent company of FortisOntario, to news services in Canada.
3. A news report from the Sault Star, the local newspaper in the area.

Further in the matter of the Distribution Licence Amendment Application, Algoma Power Inc. is working with the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") to establish Algoma Power Inc. as a market participant for electricity market settlement. A requisite of this registration is the amended licence under the name Algoma Power Inc. Algoma Power Inc. and the IESO are targeting February 1, 2010, as the date to commence settlement under the name Algoma Power Inc.

Yours truly,

Doug Bradbury
Director, Regulatory Affairs

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To our Valued Customer:

RE: NEW OWNER FOR GREAT LAKES POWER

We are pleased to announce that on October 8, 2009, FortisOntario Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fortis Inc., purchased Great Lakes Power Distribution Inc. ("GLPD"). Effective, on October 9, 2009, GLPD changed its name to Algoma Power Inc. Our distribution business will now operate under the name Algoma Power Inc. It is with pleasure we note that our new owner has similar roots in the early history of distributing electricity in Ontario and holds the same strong core values that we have built our business on.

Although we have a name change, our staff will be the same familiar faces you have come to know and our business locations/agents will remain the same. Expect to see all correspondence from us with our new name. All payments should be payable to Algoma Power Inc. For those who pay by internet banking you will see our new name as a selection choice.

We welcome any questions you may have and encourage you to contact one of our dedicated customer service representatives at 705-256-3850 or toll free at 1-877-457-7378.

Yours Sincerely,

Customer Service
ALGOMA POWER INC.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ST. JOHN'S, NL (October 8, 2009):

**FortisOntario Acquires Great Lakes Power Distribution Inc.
Renames Latest Acquisition Algoma Power Inc.**

Fortis Inc. ("Fortis" or the "Corporation") (TSX:FIS) announced today that FortisOntario Inc. ("FortisOntario"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation, has closed its acquisition of Great Lakes Power Distribution Inc. ("GLPD") from Brookfield Renewable Power Inc. for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$75 million, subject to adjustment.

GLPD has been renamed Algoma Power Inc. and serves approximately 12,000 customers located in the district of Algoma in northern Ontario. Its assets include more than 1,800 kilometers of distribution lines in an area that covers approximately 14,200 square kilometers, which is more than double the size of the Greater Toronto Area. Algoma Power Inc. meets a peak demand of approximately 40 megawatts. The Company employs approximately 60 employees.

"This acquisition positions FortisOntario as the only investor-owned electric distribution utility in Ontario and reaffirms our long term commitment to the continued growth of our distribution business in the province," says Bill Daley, President and Chief Executive Officer of FortisOntario. "FortisOntario has a successful track record of acquiring and integrating small- and medium-sized utilities into its distribution operations and looks forward to providing our new customers in the Algoma district with safe and reliable electricity distribution service."

Fortis is the largest investor-owned distribution utility in Canada. With total assets approaching \$12 billion and annual revenues totalling \$3.9 billion, Fortis serves more than 2,000,000 gas and electricity customers. Its regulated holdings include electric distribution utilities in five Canadian provinces and three Caribbean countries, and a natural gas utility in British Columbia. Fortis owns and operates non-regulated generation assets across Canada and in Belize and Upper New York State. It also owns hotels and commercial real estate across Canada. Fortis Inc. shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and trade under the symbol FIS. Additional information can be accessed at www.fortisinc.com or www.sedar.com.

Fortis includes forward-looking information in this media release within the meaning of applicable securities laws in Canada ("forward-looking information"). The purpose of the forward-looking information is to provide management's expectations regarding the Corporation's future growth, results of operations, performance, business prospects and opportunities, and it may not be appropriate for other purposes. All forward-looking information is given pursuant to the "safe harbour" provisions of applicable Canadian securities legislation. The words "anticipates", "believes", "budgets", "could", "estimates", "expects", "forecasts", "intends", "may", "might", "plans", "projects", "schedule", "should", "will", "would" and similar expressions are often intended to identify forward-looking information, although not all forward-looking information contains these identifying words. The forward-looking information reflects management's current beliefs and is based on information currently available to the Corporation's management. The forecasts and projections that make up the forward-looking information are based on assumptions which include, but are not limited to: the receipt of applicable regulatory approvals and requested rate orders; no significant operational disruptions or environmental liability due to a catastrophic event or environmental upset caused by severe weather, other acts of nature or other major event; the continued ability to maintain the gas and electricity systems to ensure their continued performance; no significant decline in capital spending in 2009; no severe and prolonged downturn in economic conditions; sufficient liquidity and capital resources; the continuation of regulator-approved mechanisms to flow through the commodity cost of natural gas and energy supply costs in customer rates; the continued ability to hedge exposures to fluctuations in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and natural gas commodity prices; no significant variability in interest rates; no significant counterparty defaults; the continued competitiveness of natural gas pricing when compared with electricity and other alternative sources of energy; the continued availability of natural gas supply; the continued

ability to fund defined benefit pension plans; the absence of significant changes in government energy plans and environmental laws that may materially affect the operations and cash flows of the Corporation and its subsidiaries; maintenance of adequate insurance coverage; the ability to obtain and maintain licences and permits; retention of existing service areas; no material decrease in market energy sales prices; favourable relations with First Nations; favourable labour relations; and sufficient human resources to deliver service and execute the capital program. The forward-looking information is subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical results or results anticipated by the forward-looking information. Factors which could cause results or events to differ from current expectations include, but are not limited to: regulatory risk; operating and maintenance risks; economic conditions; capital resources and liquidity risk; weather and seasonality; an ultimate resolution of the expropriation of the assets of the Exploits River Hydro Partnership that differs from what is currently expected by management; commodity price risk; derivative financial instruments and hedging; interest rate risk; counterparty risk; competitiveness of natural gas; natural gas supply; defined benefit pension plan performance and funding requirements; risks related to the development of the Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. franchise; the Government of British Columbia's Energy Plan; environmental risks; insurance coverage risk; an unexpected outcome of any legal proceedings currently against the Corporation; loss of licences and permits; loss of service area; market energy sales prices; changes in current assumptions and expectations associated with the transition to International Financial Reporting Standards; changes in tax legislation; relations with First Nations; labour relations; and human resources. For additional information with respect to the Corporation's risk factors, reference should be made to the Corporation's continuous disclosure materials filed from time to time with Canadian securities regulatory authorities and to the heading "Business Risk Management" in the Management Discussion and Analysis for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and for the year ended December 31, 2008.

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FortisOntario to Acquire Great Lakes Power Distribution Inc.

Fortis Inc. ("Fortis" or the "Corporation") (TSX:FIS) announced today that FortisOntario Inc. ("FortisOntario"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation, has entered into an agreement with Brookfield Renewable Power Inc. ("Brookfield") to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Great Lakes Power Distribution Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookfield, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$68 million, subject to adjustment.

The closing of the transaction is subject to regulatory approval by the Ontario Energy Board and Competition Act approval.

Great Lakes Power Distribution Inc. serves approximately 12,000 customers located in the district of Algoma in northern Ontario. Its assets include more than 1,800 kilometers of distribution lines in an area that covers approximately 14,200 square kilometers, which is more than double the size of the Greater Toronto Area. Great Lakes Power Distribution Inc. meets a peak load of approximately 40 megawatts and an annual energy requirement of 198 gigawatt hours.

"The acquisition of Great Lakes Power Distribution Inc. is an important step for Fortis in growing our utility assets in Ontario and is further evidence of the Corporation's long-term commitment to the electric distribution sector in the province," says Stan Marshall, President and Chief Executive Officer of Fortis. "This acquisition results in Fortis being the only investor-owned electric distribution utility in Ontario," he says.

"This acquisition expands FortisOntario's presence into northern Ontario and represents a good strategic fit with our existing electricity distribution operations in Ontario. We look forward to providing safe and reliable distribution services to our new customers in the district of Algoma," adds Bill Daley, President and Chief Executive Officer of FortisOntario.

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Great Lakes Power sold

Posted By DAN BELLEROSE, THE SAULT STAR

Posted 2 months ago

Great Lakes Power Distribution Inc., a nearly century-old component to American entrepreneur Francis Clergue's regional industrial vision, has faded into history.

Thursday, Brookfield Renewable Power Inc., corporate parent of Sault Ste. Marie-based GLP Distribution, sold the firm to FortisOntario Inc., a subsidiary of Fortis Inc., Canada's largest investor-owned distribution utility, in a \$75 million transaction.

GLP Distribution, which serves 12,000 Algoma District customers, from Wawa to near Thessalon, was rebranded Algoma Energy Inc. as the conditional sale, announced nearly four months ago, was finalized.

Fort Erie, Ont.-based FortisOntario has absorbed about 60 supervisory, clerical and technical employees as well as more than 1,800 kilometres of transmission lines over a service area of more than 14,000 square kilometres.

Prior to taking over GLP Distribution, the FortisOntario portfolio of distribution companies included Canadian Niagara Power Inc., Cornwall Electric and Eastern Power Ontario, with about 51,500 customers combined, as well as two other strategic interests.

Its lone generation facility is Cornwall District Heating, a 5 megawatt cogeneration plant.

Earlier this summer, Brookfield Renewable Power Inc. included the 12-station generating division of GLP Ltd., which had assets on four district river systems, in a nearly \$1 billion hand over to Brookfield Renewable Power Fund.

Brookfield Renewable is majority shareholder of Brookfield Renewable Power Fund, the former Great Lakes Hydro Income Fund, one of the largest power income funds in North America.

GLP Generation was the showpiece

asset in the flip, representing 12 of 15 hydro stations and 349 of 387 megawatts of installed capacity in the deal involving 25 million shares of the Fund, valued at nearly \$390 million, nearly \$365 million cash, and a \$200 million unsecured Fund note.

Brookfield has sold substantially all of its Canadian renewable power business to the Gatineau, Que.-based Fund in recent years and has less than 50 MW of renewable Canadian assets remaining.

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About the only asset it still owns in the Sault area is Lake Superior Power, a 110-MW natural gas-fired cogeneration facility on the St. Mary's River, that does not fall into The Fund's renewable power mandate.

Earlier, Brookfield sold the 189-MW Prince Wind Energy Project, the third-largest commercial wind farm in all Canada, located just outside the Sault city limits, as well as a 45 MW hydro station in British Columbia to The Fund for \$65 million cash and \$10 million worth of shares.

Mississagi Power, including four hydro peaking stations on the Mississagi River, north of Thessalon, with 488 MW of capacity, was acquired by Brookfield's predecessor, Brascan Power, from Ontario Power Generation for nearly \$350 million in 2002, and eventually sold to The Fund for an undisclosed amount.

It was Clergue, in search of investment opportunities, hydroelectric investment in particular, who convinced Philadelphia investors to assume the Town of Sault Ste. Marie's six-year \$260,000 debt for work already completed on an unfinished power canal in 1894.

Hydroelectricity was a symbol of progress and prosperity in 19th-century Ontario and Clergue's company, Lake Superior Power Co., had the town lighting system operational by 1899.

The arrival of electricity didn't generate the anticipated industrial boom so Clergue, who made and lost three fortunes in his lifetime, began establishing an industrial empire of his own, including present day Essar Steel Algoma Inc., GLP Ltd., St. Marys Paper Corp. and Algoma Central Railway, to take advantage of the opportunity presented by cheap electricity.

What began as a modest 20 MW power plant harnessing the energy of the St. Mary's Rapids evolved into a Brookfield portfolio which only a few years ago included 18 hydro plants, one thermal plant and a commercial wind farm with nearly 1,200 MW of power-generation capacity in Algoma District.