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Atten: Ms. Angela Pachon
Regulator Policy Advisor

Re: Affidavit EB-2007-0825

Dear Ms. Pachon:

As per your fax dated December 11th. 2007 with respect to our affidavit, please find enclosed a copy of the affidavit signed by a Commissioner of Oath as well as a copy of the notice that was published in our local paper as an exhibit.

I trust this will be satisfactory to your needs and should you have any further concerns, please call.


Sincerely:

Calvin Epps
President
Parry Sound Power Corporation

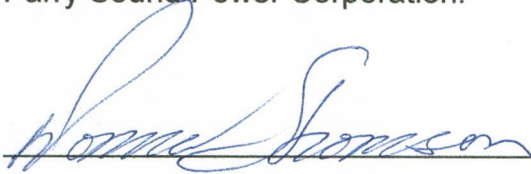
November 20, 2007

I the undersigned do hereby swear that the **2008 Incentive Regulation Mechanism (2008 IRM) Rate Application – Board File Number EB – 207-0825** for Parry Sound Power Corporation was published in the Parry Sound North Star on Wednesday November 14th, 2007.

To the best of my knowledge, The Parry Sound Star is an English language newspaper and has the highest circulation in our service area.



Calvin Epps
President
Parry Sound Power Corporation.



Witness

**DONNA EDITH THOMSON, a Commissioner, etc.,
District of Parry Sound, for Joel W. Kennedy Professional Corporation,
Barrister and Solicitor.
Expires March 27, 2010.**

Hardwood loggers defied gravity to float timber

Yellow birch, unlike the wide-ranging white birch, grows only in a relatively narrow belt extending from the upper Great Lakes eastward to the Atlantic seaboard. But it lives longer and grows larger than its pale-skinned cousin, and furniture and flooring manufacturers covet its richly coloured wood. (I once spent a winter felling yellow birches, and as noon neared, the salmon-pink strings of sawmill thrown out in the snow by our crowsaw looked good enough to scoop up and eat).

In the Second World War, yellow birch veneer, a substitute for scarce aluminium, flew into battle as the skin of swift DeHavilland Mosquito intruder aircraft built in Toronto.

When forester Edmund Zavits of the Ontario Department of Lands, Forests and Mines snapped this photograph, around 1915, commercial use of yellow birch was just hitting its stride.

The first wave of lumbering in Ontario combed the woods clean of white pine. Pine and yellow birch share the same forest region, although preferring different localized moisture and soil regimes, but the early lumber barons bypassed any birch stands encountered. They wanted only pine, whose attributes include buoyancy: the timber could be floated hundreds of miles. If necessary, to mill or market. But not so yellow birch, whose specific gravity registers only fractionally below that of water.

In the early 20th century, sawmills utilizing hardwood timber, notably oak, maple and yellow birch, began setting up shop beside railway lines threading the southern flank of the Precambrian Shield.

Hardwood sawlogs were best sleigh-hauled to the mill, but many lumbermen were reluctant to give up on cheap water transport.

Dumped straight into the water, a birch sawlog had little better than a 50-50 chance of staying afloat until it reached the mill. Guy Sands, of Dunchurch, once told me how they attempted to lower the sinkage rate. In the 1820s, Guy worked at cutting yellow birch in remote territory north of the Magnetawan River and east of Maple Island, for a lumberman whose sawmill was situated several miles down the Magnetawan.

The strategy employed was to fell the birch trees at the beginning of summer, then leave them lying while the new leaves, as Guy phrased it, "sucked the sap out of them."

When the leaves shrivelled, the trunks were sectioned into sawlogs. To encourage further drying, longitudinal strips of bark were removed from the logs with an axe. Some logs in the accompanying photograph show such strips. Guy remarked how teamsters sleigh-hauling the logs to the banks of the Magnetawan the following winter cursed those semi-bald logs for the way they slid forward in the binding chains on a steep downhill pitch.

Another tactic was to add buoyant pine or cedar timbers to the mix of floating logs. Each birch log was tethered to one of these "floaters" by means of a short length of wire or light chain attached to

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By John Macfie

pointed iron "dogs" driven into their flanks.

Still, wherever birch logs were "boomed up" (as in the photograph) awaiting their appointment with a sawmill, slow but steady sinkage continued. Today, log salvagers hunt down these booming grounds to haul up long submerged timber for manufacturing into trendy "old growth" flooring and furniture.

Now, about the photograph of itself: The man in the foreground holds a pike pole, a sort of shepherd's crook with which river drivers pushed or pulled floating logs where they needed to go. The 12-foot-long handle is armed with a head similar to that of a boat hook, except that the iron tip and hook are sharply pointed. In the background is a "pointer boat," another universal tool of the log drive.

Perfecting on the Ottawa River and propelled by four oarsmen, its stout wooden hull was specially shaped to plough through masses of floating sawlogs, and run rapids. And lastly, faintly visible (I trust) in the far left background is an "alligator," a steam-powered warping tug designed to winch masses of floating logs across bodies of water such as this.

Equally interesting is the individual who took the picture. When I joined the staff of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, in 1949, the name Edmund John Zavits was spoken with reverence. Born in the Niagara Peninsula in 1875, he was the first professional forester to be hired by the Ontario government, in 1909. He pioneered the establishment of tree nurseries and reforestation of abandoned farmlands and cutover forests, as well as playing a leading role in other activities such as forest fire prevention and control.

Zavits was no slouch as a photographer, either. The composition of the picture mirrors the eye of an artist. Late in his long life, Zavits published his most enduring legacy, a 66-page, profusely illustrated booklet titled *Hardwood Trees of Ontario*.

His purpose was to create a portfolio of Ontario trees in their finest form before it was too late.

By the mid-20th-century, harvesting of old growth hardwoods had reached



While historical photographs of floating masses of pine sawlogs are common, pictures of "booms" of yellow birch logs, such as these, are rare. It was taken around 1915, by renowned Ontario government forester named Edmund J. Zavits.

a fever pitch. Zavits was also haunted by the fear that more of our trees were doomed to extinction.

In his lifetime he witnessed the extermination, by disease, of the chestnut tree, and now, newly arrived Dutch Elm disease threatened to wipe out the stately elm (although that didn't quite happen).

Drawing on a photographic collection begun early in the century, he published for posterity his handbook displaying prime examples of over 50 hardwood tree species found in the Province.

A thorough scientist, he surrounded each tree's full-frontal portrait with close-ups of its leaves, fruit, and bark characteristics.

Hardwood Trees of Ontario remains an excellent reference guide for folks who appreciate outdoor Ontario.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE

Parry Sound Power Corporation

The Ontario Energy Board has received an application on October 24, 2007 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Parry Sound Power Corporation charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2008. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2007-0825. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of Parry Sound Power Corporation's customers.

Any change to the rates that Parry Sound Power Corporation charges for electricity distribution will be reflected in the delivery charges. Delivery charges are one of four regular items on residential and general service customers' electricity bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed.

Parry Sound Power Corporation indicates that if the application is approved as filed, a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience an approximate 0.9% decrease in the electricity bill. A small general service customer consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of 50 kW or lower would see an approximate 1% decrease in the electricity bill.

How to see Parry Sound Power Corporation's Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.oeb.gov.on.ca, and at Parry Sound Power Corporation's office.

How to Participate in the Rate Proceeding

The Board intends to proceed with Parry Sound Power Corporation's rate change application by way of written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. If you object to a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any objections to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant at the addresses below no later than November 29, 2007. The Board will not be awarding costs in this matter.

Anyone who wishes information and material from the applicant that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board and that is relevant to the hearing shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the applicant on or before December 13, 2007. The applicant shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all parties who asked interrogatories no later than December 31, 2007.

Anyone who wishes to make a submission on the application must file that written submission with the Board and deliver it to the applicant by January 14, 2008. If the applicant wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all parties who made submissions by January 28, 2008.

How to File Documents with the Board

If you already have a user ID, please submit your interrogatories or submission through the Board's web portal at www.err.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies are required. For instructions on how to file and naming conventions, please refer to the REGS Document Guidelines found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, e-Filing Services. Those who do not have internet access are asked to submit their interrogatories or submission on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. You may also send your submission by post or e-mail to the addresses below.

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2007-0825 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your document. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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DATED at Toronto, November 6, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By
Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

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Exhibit "A"

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Barrister and Solicitor.
Expires March 27, 2010.**

Donna Thomson

TOWN OF
Parry Sound
Charting Sound Opportunities

"Our Vision: To be the world renowned jewel of the 30,000 Islands on Georgian Bay."

- The Rotary Club of Parry Sound will be hosting a Live/Silent Auction at the Parry Sound Mall, Saturday, December 8. Viewing is at 10 am with bidding starting at 10:30 am. Do your Christmas shopping and help Rotary help our community!
- The Town of Parry Sound is accepting nominations for the 'Order of Parry Sound' achievement. If you know a deserving citizen who has enriched the lives of others, you can nominate him or her by completing a nomination form and sending it to the Town Office. Forms are available at the Town Office. The deadline for nominations is November 23rd. For more information, please contact Donna Besman, Deputy Clerk at 746-2101 ext. 20.
- The Holiday Train will be making its annual stop at the CP Station on Tuesday, December 4th. Scheduled arrival time is 5:45 pm. This is a great initiative that helps stock our Harvest Share shelves.
- Residents and ratepayers of the Municipality of McDougall, Town of Parry Sound and Township of Seguin are encouraged to complete an on-line community survey as part

of the Area Culture & Recreation Master Plan public consultation process. The deadline for on-line surveys has been extended to November 30th. Focus groups originally scheduled for mid-November will now be held in mid-January to allow more time for surveys to be completed. You can access the on-line surveys by visiting:
www.mcdougalltownship.on.ca
www.townofparry-sound.com
www.twp.seguin.on.ca

- Effective November 1, 2007 through until April 15, 2008, during the hours of 3 am to 7 am, any and all vehicles interfering with or obstructing snow plowing and/or snow removal operations on all town streets & sidewalks will be towed at the owner's expense, per Parking By-law 2007-5095 as amended.
- Starting January 1, 2008, the Town of Parry Sound's Economic Development and Leisure Services Department will be booking rental space at the CP Station (formerly known as the Station Gallery). If you are interested in booking space, contact April Heitman at 746-2101 or by email at april@townofparry-sound.com