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November 19, 2007

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: 2008 Distribution Rate Application
Board File No. EB-2007-0834**

In accordance with the Board's Letter of Direction dated November 12, 2007, the undersigned hereby confirms that the attached "Notice of Application and Written Hearing for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change" was published on November 16, 2007 in the *Oakville Beaver*. This is the English language newspaper having the highest circulation in the City of Oakville. An affidavit to this effect is enclosed with this letter.

We trust you will find the foregoing to be in order.

Yours sincerely,

OAKVILLE HYDRO
ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.

Cristina Birceanu
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

CC: Alex Bystrin – President and CEO
Lesley Gallinger – Vice President of Finance and
Administration

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Nov. 26/07.*

*Last day for comments:
Dec. 17/07.*

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Affidavit of

Cristina Birceanu

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**IN THE MATTER OF OAKVILLE
HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.
AND THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

I, **CRISTINA BIRCEANU**, at the City of Oakville, make oath and say:

1. I am a Manager, Regulatory Affairs at Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. and as such have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
2. By letter dated November 12, 2007, the Ontario Energy Board gave Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. certain directives to comply with. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to this my affidavit is a true copy of that Letter of Direction.
3. In accordance with the directives contained in the Letter of Direction, Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. published a Notice of Application for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change in the Oakville Beaver on November 16, 2007. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" to this my affidavit is a true copy of the Notice.

SWORN BEFORE ME, at the City
Of Oakville,
This day of November 19, 2007.

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MANAGER, REGULATORY
AFFAIRS – OAKVILLE HYDRO
ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.
CRISTINA BIRCEANU



A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS,
WILLIAM CHAN

William Wai Lun Chan, a Commissioner,
etc., Regional Municipality of Halton, for
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.
and its subsidiaries, associates and affiliates.
Expires March 10, 2009.

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BY E-MAIL

November 12, 2007

Leslie Gallinger
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.
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Oakville ON L6J 5E3

LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Ms. Gallinger:

**Re: Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.
2008 Incentive Regulation Mechanism (2008 IRM) Rate Application
Board File Number EB-2007-0834**

The Ontario Energy Board has issued its Notice of Application and Hearing relating to your 2008 IRM application. Please note that you must publish the notice within fourteen days of the date of this letter. If publication is impossible within fourteen days, you must inform the Board staff contact given at the bottom of this letter immediately.

You are directed:

- 1) To arrange immediately for the enclosed Notice, headed with the Ontario government logo and the words "Ontario Energy Board", to be published in one issue of the English language newspaper having the highest paid circulation, according to the best information available, in Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.'s service area. Publication must be complete within fourteen days of the receipt of this letter.

Please note that invoices regarding publication are not to be sent to the Board.

- 2) If Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. is a host distributor, to immediately, and no later than the date of publication of the Notice, serve a copy of the Notice directly on its embedded distributor(s).
- 3) To file with the Board an affidavit proving publication and, where applicable, service of the Notice immediately thereafter.
- 4) To make a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.'s office and on its website, if available; and,
- 5) To provide a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to any intervenor who requests a copy.

Board staff contact

Please direct any questions relating to this application to George Dimitropoulos at (416) 544-5152, or by e-mail at George.Dimitropoulos@oeb.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Ontario Energy
Board

Commission de l' énergie
de l'Ontario



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.

The Ontario Energy Board has received an application on October 26, 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 Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2008. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2007-0834. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.'s customers.

Any change to the rates that Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. 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.

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. indicates that if the application is approved as filed, a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience an approximate 1.9% 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 1.0% decrease in the electricity bill.

How to see Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.'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 Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.'s office.

How to Participate in the Rate Proceeding

The Board intends to proceed with Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.'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 December 3, 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 17, 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 January 7, 2008.

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 21, 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 February 4, 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.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies are required. For instructions on how to file and naming conventions, please refer to the RESS 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-2007-0834 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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The Applicant:

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Attention: Manager, Regulatory Affairs
E-mail: cbirceanu@oakvillehydro.com

DATED at Toronto, November 12, 2007 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by
Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

HAVING ELECTRICAL WORK DONE?

All electrical contracting businesses now require a provincial licence from the Electrical Contractor Registration Agency of the Electrical Safety Authority to operate in Ontario. Before you hire an electrician or electrical contractor, check to see that they have an Electrical Contractor's Licence. It's not just a precaution. It's the law.

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A message from Ontario's Licensed Electrical Contractors and the Electrical Safety Authority 1-877-ESA-SAFE (372-7233)



Made-in-Oakville design could slow down speeders

By Kim Arnott
SPECIAL TO THE BEAVER

A made-in-Oakville design to combine traffic cushions and medians has promise for reducing speeding on residential streets.

Vehicle speeds dropped by about 30 km/h on three streets following the installation of the physical traffic-calming measures, according to Oakville traffic staff.

In August, the measures were installed on Maple Grove Drive, Morden Road and Sewell Drive.

Beforehand, drivers were travelling between 53 and 65 km/h on the roads, which are all posted with 40 km/h speed limits.

The installation of a series of speed cushions – small, removable speed humps – on either side of a mountable median with rubber bollards, resulted in speeds dropping to between 27 and 34 km/h.

The devices are proving to be “very effective” at slowing down drivers, said Scott McMillan, manager of traffic engineering.

His department has been developing physical traffic calming measures for several years.

“We were interested in finding a device that was effective in deterring speeding, but acceptable to all

users,” said McMillan.

Traditional asphalt speed humps, installed on Chartwell Road, were effective at slowing traffic, but caused too many difficulties for emergency vehicles.

Other communities have used the hard rubber speed cushions to replace speed humps, placing one in each lane, and a third in the middle of the road to discourage drivers from steering around them.

However, consultation with Oakville's emergency services, and the public, led the town to experiment with a different solution.

The installations on Morden, Maple Grove and Sewell feature a speed cushion in each lane, with a mountable median between them.

The slightly-raised median features reflective, flexible bollards – or sticks – on either end. The bollards are designed to provide a visual deterrent to drivers who might otherwise consider veering onto the median to avoid the speed cushions. However, emergency vehicles can drive safely over them without damaging their vehicles.

The speed cushions, worth about \$1,000 each, will be removed in winter to avoid damage from snowplows.

Although the new devices are

being enthusiastically endorsed by town staff, residents on two town streets say they would prefer additional stop signs instead.

Over the summer, residents along Hixon and Grosvenor Streets expressed concern about the appearance and effectiveness of the new measures, and asked the town to install several all-way stops as an alternative.

Although stop signs are often seen as desirable by residents, town traffic staff consistently recommend against using them in an attempt to control speed.

“It invites disrespect of the device and non-compliance,” McMillan told the town's Community Services committee.

He said studies have shown when stop signs are introduced at intersections that don't have traffic or circumstance to justify them, drivers tend to disregard them.

That can pose pedestrian danger for those who believe they can safely cross a road, and increases likelihood of collisions, he noted.

The committee referred the issue of the additional stop signs back to town staff for further consideration, but endorsed the use of the cushions and medians as a preferred traffic calming measure.

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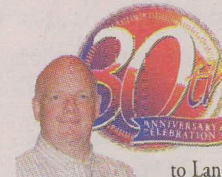
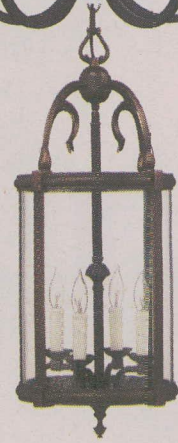


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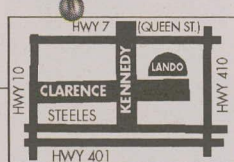
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