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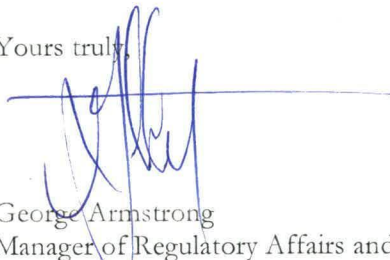
Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Board File Number EB-2008-0214
Letter of Direction – 2009 Incentive Regulation Mechanism (2009 IRM) Rate Application

As directed by the Board's Letter of Direction dated November 25th, 2008, Veridian Connections Inc. is pleased to enclose affidavit evidence confirming that it has published the Notice of Application pertaining to the above application in the highest circulating newspaper in each of Veridian's service areas. The affidavit further confirms that a copy of the application has been made available for public review at the Veridian office, as well as on the Veridian website at www.veridian.on.ca.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,


George Armstrong
Manager of Regulatory Affairs and Key Projects

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Canada loses 70,600 jobs in a month, most since 1982

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA — Canada lost almost 1,000 jobs last month — the first single-month drop in a quarter-century — with Ontario emerging as ground zero of the growing economic crisis.

Ontario shed 66,000 workers — 2,000 of them in factory jobs — pushing the province's unemployment

rate up six-tenths of a point to 7.1 per cent in November — tied with Quebec and above the national average of 6.3 per cent.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, who represents an Oshawa-area riding heavily dependent on the auto industry, called it a "devastating occurrence."

The minister said the Conservative government — which has been

under fire for its handling of the downturn — already has programs to help displaced workers and he promised new measures on Jan. 27, when he is scheduled to bring down a budget.

"Between now and then, we will work and consult with business leaders, labour representatives, the opposition and our international partners to take the necessary, pru-

dent action to protect the Canadian economy," he said in a statement.

Liberal finance critic Scott Brison called the response "pathetic," urging Prime Minister Stephen Harper to call back Parliament, which was shut down on Thursday at Harper's request until Jan. 26.

"Seventy thousand Canadian workers lost their jobs and every-

one is wondering why Stephen Harper shot down Parliament instead of providing a real plan to Canadians," Brison said.

Canadian Auto Workers economist Jim Stanford was also critical of the parliamentary time out, called by Harper to avoid defeat of his minority government at the hands of the Liberals, New Democrats and Bloc Québécois.

Energy prices evaporate

Return to \$1 gas in United States?

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Oil prices hit an all-time low Friday as employers cut the highest number of jobs in years. The continuing decline in oil prices is so dramatic and so sudden that it is raising the prospect that gas prices could soon fall below \$1 a gallon in the United States.

The worst jobs data in 34 years — Friday just added more fuel to a deepening global recession as employers slashed a far more than expected 533,000 jobs in November and the unemployment rate rose to a 15-year high of 6.5 per cent.

A gallon of gasoline can be had for 30 cents less than it cost just a month ago, and people are starting to talk about \$1 gas. That would be the equivalent of about 20 cents per litre.

Granted, gas prices are a long way off from that magic number — \$1 a gallon — but they were at 97 cents a gallon in the United States, according to

a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, down by nearly \$3 per barrel. Prices fell as low as \$40.50, levels last seen in December 2004.

Gasoline futures for January delivery tumbled to 90 cents.

For gas prices to get close to a \$1, oil prices probably would need to fall another \$10 a barrel — something that would have been impossible to fathom during the first part of this year as oil prices soared near \$150 per barrel.

"Just seeing that '1' up there is just hard to imagine," said Kevin Keating, 65, a lawyer, as he filled up his Volvo S60 at a station in Phoenix that advertised prices at \$1.67. "Wasn't that long ago that we worried about the '4' being up there."

Prices in New York City are well above the national averages, but still well off their highs of nearly \$5 this summer.

"When gas prices are OK, we make a little profit," said Mamady Koufrouma, 36, a cab driver from Guinea who paid \$2.41 a gallon at

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Relay for Life may be coming to Brock

By SCOTT HOWARD
CITIZEN EDITOR

If Brock Township council has its way, the fifth annual North Durham Relay for Life will be coming a little farther north.

Since its introduction in North Durham in 2005, Relay For Life has raised more than \$300,000 for cancer research. The first two events were held in Uxbridge, while the 2007 and 2008 events were held in Port Perry.

Council has asked the event's organizing committee to consider moving it to Brock in 2009.

"It's important for all North Durham municipalities to be involved," said Mayor Larry O'Connor.

"It's been in Port Perry for two years and Uxbridge for two years, so I think it's time for Brock Township to get more involved."

Mayor O'Connor said the Sunderland fairgrounds would

be a "perfect" site for the event, which sees teams participate in a 12-hour relay. Township council entered a team in last year's event -- dubbed the Council Crusaders.

"There's a lot of support for the event locally and I'm sure that residents would support and embrace it if it moved to Brock," Mayor O'Connor said, adding that he recently gave members of the event's organizing committee a tour of the fairgrounds.

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DATED at Toronto, November 25, 2008

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Original Signed By

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Board Secretary

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Blow-up over fireworks

Council seeking a loophole to support Courtice Rotary event

By Jennifer Stone
jstone@durhamregion.com

CLARINGTON -- Municipal grants funding will be short \$5,000 if council moves forward with a proposal to continue to fund the Courtice Rotary's Canada Day event.

The group's annual fireworks event, held for the last three years in Bowmanville, has since 2005 received municipal grants to help offset costs.

Each year, the Municipality does out the equivalent of \$1 per resident to various groups. In 2008, that amounted to about \$80,000, with Rotary receiving the top allowable grant of \$5,000.

But, under Municipal rules, Rotary shouldn't have received any funds. The rules stipulated grants aren't to go to "organizations that make donations."

In fact, during the last round of grants, at least one organization, the Running Maniacs, was turned down for funding because its major event raises money for the Purina Walk for Dog Guides.

Just weeks after grants were doled out last year, the Courtice Rotary completed its five-year, \$25,000 pledge to the Durham Region Cancer Centre, which ought to have rendered the group ineligible for a grant.

While some councillors argued to maintain funding for the fireworks event until this council's term ends in 2010, Community Services Director Joe Caruana advised against continuing to do so as had been done last year.

"It would compromise the grant policy," Mr. Caruana said. "The stipulation is there's no funding to a service group."

There aren't a lot of options in terms of funding the event, Mr. Caruana said. Councillors were told they could either ask another group, independent of Rotary, to run the Canada Day event, or simply move \$5,000 out of the grants process and into a department's funding, so it could then be given to Rotary.

Councillors gave preliminary approval to the latter loophole, meaning the grants process will go forward with about \$75,000 available.

"It would be really easy if you said it was one dollar per capita, less \$5,000," finance director Nancy Taylor said. "Then, (the total grant amount) will always inflate based on the one dollar per capita."

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Meet artist Allan O'Marra Friday

AJAX — The PineRidge Arts Council presents Allan O'Marra's Show of Shows in Ajax.

The show is from Dec. 2 to Dec. 18 at the McLean Community Centre, 95 Magill Dr. (at Westney Road). It includes a large collection of the Ajax artist's paintings from three previous shows, 'The Joy of Falling,' 'Family Reunion,' and 'Moments of Awakening,' as well as works from his current and ongoing series, 'My Landscapes'.

An artist for 40 years, O'Marra's shows have been on specific themes, ranging from paintings of Lake Ontario to works exploring his spiritual quest as a Buddhist. 'My Landscapes' is a series of paintings of the countryside around Bancroft, where he grew up, and images from around Ajax.

The artist will be at the show on Friday, Dec. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. for a meet and greet.

For more information, visit www.allanomalmarra.com.

Re-creating the first Christmas at Forest Brook

Check with Ajax church to see if tickets available

AJAX — Experience the market streets of Old Bethlehem.

Forest Brook Community Church is re-creating the origin of Christmas through a special Christmas stage performance.

"We have put on other productions before, but this is the first time the church is performing this Christmas production," said Sandy Broad, director of worship and com-

munications.

The church has worked hard to re-create the market streets of Bethlehem, including an indoor market with vendors, a synagogue, background scenery and, most importantly, a stable.

The two-part play begins with the present-day festivities but brings the audience back in time to the origin of Christmas in Bethlehem.

"Including the set design and set-up, there have been about 200 people working towards this production all fall," said Ms. Broad.

The evening involves live traditional music from solo singers, an adult choir and a children's choir, although the stage production is not a musical.

Performances are Dec. 5 to 7, starting at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets have sold out, but check with the church office as some may become available.

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LATEST CREATION. Merle Fletcher of Gravenhurst stands beside the carving of a bear she started in August. With the snow covering a portion of the bear, it appears to be half black bear and half polar bear. Fletcher's interest in carving also includes bird carving at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre woodworking shop. (Photo by Fred Schulz)

Litany of offences catches up with Gravenhurst teen

BY MATT DRISCOLL

A young man from Gravenhurst broke down in a Bracebridge courtroom last week when he found out he will be spending Christmas in jail.

Matthew Jingle, 19, pleaded guilty last Tuesday to a long list of offences including stealing a camera, taking a car without permission, and multiple probation breaches.

Assistant Crown attorney Lyndsay Jeanes told the courtroom that on March 23 at roughly 3 a.m., Jingle took a 2007 Toyota Corolla from a Gravenhurst home without permission from the owner. Jingle was under a court order at the time to keep a curfew, but said he had "an urge to go for a drive," said Jeanes.

He was arrested again on Oct. 2 for breaking his curfew, when he was found in a car that police pulled over at roughly 12 a.m., court heard. He was also in the car with someone he had been ordered not to associate with, which earned him another charge.

Court was told that on Nov. 14 at roughly 1 a.m., Jingle was again arrested after officers observed a pair of young men acting suspiciously on a street in Bracebridge. When the officers began speaking to Jingle, he suddenly turned and ran, but didn't get far before being caught.

A camera was found in his possession, which was determined to have been stolen from a parked car in Bracebridge. He was

charged with stealing the camera and two more probation breaches.

Jeanes called the breaches a "willful and blatant disregard for court orders."

She said a six-month sentence is appropriate, and if the charges had been dealt with individually, the sentence would likely be much longer.

Both the Crown and defence lawyer Peter Ward agreed that further probation would be of little use, as Jingle is currently under three separate probation orders stemming from previous offences.

"He just doesn't seem to get it," said Ward.

Although Ward said he could not argue against a six-month jail term, he pointed

out that Jingle had been in jail for 12 days which should be credited on a two-for-one basis.

From the prisoner's box, Jingle gave a tearful appeal and promised to go back to school or get a job.

"Trouble just finds me," he said. "I do want to be a criminal anymore. I do want to be someone the police talk to when something bad happens."

In passing a sentence of six months jail, less time served, Judge J.D. Evans said he takes no joy in sending such a young man to jail.

"You can say trouble finds you, but you also have the ability to avoid it," said Evans.



A TEAM PLAYER. Gravenhurst High School student Steven Dawson received the student of the month award for October. According to his nominator, Dawson is a Grade 9 student and has entered high school responsibly and maturely. He is involved in school activities such as school sports teams and helping out with a recent clothing drive. On top of this, he manages to stay focused and positive about his school work. (Photo by Jenna Smith)

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Snow-clearing help for Uxbridge seniors, disabled

Salvation Army offers assistance this winter

BY JEFF HAYWARD
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UXBRIDGE — Seniors and the disabled in town can find some relief from shovelling snow through a local service group.

Uxbridge's Salvation Army is providing free sidewalk clearing to the elderly and physically challenged with the help of vol-

unteers. The service comes in the wake of Uxbridge passing an updated bylaw recently, requiring all property owners to clear adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours from the start of a snowfall.

There are already four clients as of Nov. 26, said Councillor Bev Northeast, also the chairwoman of the local Salvation Army. The service is for seniors who cannot afford to hire help, she said. "We don't want to take a paying job away from someone," said the councillor.

The new bylaw also stipulates that snow

and ice must be removed from rooftops that overhang sidewalks. But Coun. Northeast said that won't be part of the service offered

through the Salvation Army. Those interested in the free snow-clearing service should call Bev Northeast at 905-640-3966.

WindReach Farm hosts seasonal fun

DURHAM — WindReach Farm is celebrating the holiday season with a special Christmas on the Farm event Dec. 14.

Visitors to the farm can take part in carolling, crafts and wagon rides, and have a chance to visit with the animals in the barn.

WindReach is a farm designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities. A donation of \$10 per car is requested upon entry.

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An artist for 40 years, O'Marra's shows have been on specific themes, ranging from paintings of Lake Ontario to works exploring his spiritual quest as a Buddhist. 'My Landscapes' is a series of paintings of the countryside around Bancroft, where he grew up, and images from around Ajax.

The artist will be at the show on Friday, Dec. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. for a meet and greet.

For more information, visit www.allanomarra.com.

Re-creating the first Christmas at Forest Brook

Check with Ajax church to see if tickets available

AJAX — Experience the market streets of Old Bethlehem.

Forest Brook Community Church is re-creating the origin of Christmas through a special Christmas stage performance.

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The two-part play begins with the present-day festivities but brings the audience back in time to the origin of Christmas in Bethlehem.

"Including the set design and set-up, there have been about 200 people working towards this production all fall," said Ms. Broad.

The evening involves live traditional music from solo singers, an adult choir and a children's choir, although the stage production is not a musical.

Performances are Dec. 5 to 7, starting at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

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The Pineridge Bluegrass Folklore Society hosts its monthly meeting at the Woodview Community Centre, 151 Cadillac Ave., North, Oshawa. A jam and pickin' session will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music acoustic instruments only. Everyone from beginners to advanced players are welcome. Admission is \$4 at the door for non-members.

After Mark Curtis, known as 'Canada's Singing Priest', will perform a 'Christmas To Remember' concert at the Beaverton Presbyterian Church, 413 Simcoe St., Beaverton. The show will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free, however there will be a free-will offering. For more information, contact Reverend Barney Irace at 705-426-1097.

The Blackstock Co-Op Nursery School presents its 'Pancake Breakfast With Santa' fundraiser at the Blackstock Recreation Centre, 3440 Church St. The breakfast will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Santa will arrive at 10 a.m. Breakfast will include ham, sausage, pancakes and eggs, juice and coffee. A large plate is \$4; a small plate is \$3. There will also be a silent auction and opportunity to mail letters to Santa. For more information, call 905-986-4585, e-mail blackstockcns@hotmail.com or visit blackstock.pcpcio-nto.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

The North Durham Photographers' Association hosts its next meeting at the Scugog Community Centre, 1655 Church St., beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

The Cartwright High School Senior Concert Band hosts its annual 'Seniors' Christmas Dinner' from noon to 2 p.m. at the Blackstock Recreation Centre, 3440 Church St. Participating seniors will have an opportunity to hear the HS bands perform while enjoying time together to chat. Admission is by donation. To reserve a seat, call 905-986-4241.

Friday, Dec. 12

The Little Britain Santa Claus Parade will leave from the Little Britain Community Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Floats and their towing vehicles are asked to be at the church assembly by 6:30 p.m. The theme for the parade, sponsored by the Little Britain Business and Community association, is family. For more information, call 705-879-554 or 705-786-2893.

Sunday, Dec. 14

The Lake Scugog Historical Society holds its traditional 'Fiddle-Fashioned Christmas' service with carol-singing for the entire family. The event will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 319 Queen St., beginning at 6:30 p.m. Non-perishable food donations for the food bank will be accepted. Everyone is welcome.

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A charity hockey game to stock to Mariposa/Little Britain Community Food Bank shelves will be held at the Oakwood Arena, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The tilt will feature the Little Britain Fire Department facing off against their counterparts from Oakwood. Admission is a non-perishable food item, unwrapped toy or cash donation. The game is sponsored by the Mariposa Minor Hockey Association and the Little Britain United Church.

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The Auxiliary to Port Perry Hospital hosts its second 'Port Perry Polar Plunge' in Palmer Park, beginning at 11 a.m. Thirty-one participants raised more than \$13,000 for the local hospital at last year's inaugural event. Participants in the 2009 edition of the plunge are asked to collect a

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Ongoing

The Port Perry YMCA Ontario Early Years Centre offers free activity programs each Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. The drop-in session is open to all parents. The YMCA is located at 158 Casimir St. For more information, contact the Port Perry YMCA at 905-985-2824 or visit www.ontarioearlyyears.ca.

The Little Britain United Church hosts 'Little Britain Moms and Tots' each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. The effort is a chance for moms to come together and chat and an opportunity for pre-schoolers to play together. There will be guest speakers, crafts and snacks. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Kathy at 705-357-2569.

The Durham Region Fibromyalgia Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Concetta (905-725-6067) or Judy (905-728-3907) or e-mail duham.fibromyalgia.group@rogers.com.

Durham Hospice offers a bereavement support group each Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at its Uxbridge office, 14 Brock St. East. The sessions are free, confidential and open to anyone who has experienced a death. Hospice has been offering support for more than 20 years in north and central Durham. For more information, visit www.durhamhospice.com. To register, call Athanas at 905-852-4461.

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By Jennifer O'Meara
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NORTHERLAND Rural Northumberland is getting high speed Internet.

On Nov. 28, Northumberland-Quinte West MPP Lou Rinaldi announced the province will be giving almost \$1 million to bring broadband Internet access to the rural areas of the county.

"This is a real milestone for the County of Northumberland when it comes to communication," said Mr. Rinaldi. "We are truly in a communication world today. This gives another tool for Northumberland and rural Ontario to compete around the world."

The grant is part of the province's Rural Connections Broadband Program, which helps municipalities in southern Ontario improve access to e-government services, Internet access for residents and economic development in under-served communities. The Ontario government promised \$30 million over the next four years for Internet projects: \$9 million was up for grabs at the first application intake this fall. Northumberland County submitted an application for the funding and was one of only 15 successful municipalities across the province.

Only 30 per cent of rural Northumberland has high-speed Internet access. Bringing broadband Internet to the rest of the county will help those who want to run businesses in rural Northumberland or work from home, said Northumberland County Warden Christine Herrington. The local economy has been hard hit by plant closings and manufacturing sector layoffs. County-wide high speed Internet access is hoped to draw new industry and business into Northumberland.

"Let's get some of those cottage industries up and running and as prosperous as they can be," said Ms. Herrington.

Mr. Rinaldi added the funds come at an opportune time, given the challenging economic times.

The total Northumberland project will cost an estimated \$3 million. The other two-thirds will be paid by a private sector contributor. To this end, the county has a request for proposals (RFP) out now for private sector Internet providers. The bids are due next week. Then the county will pick a service provider to partner with.

One factor in the county decision will be the number of towers that need to be built. The county wants to see partnerships with

existing tower owners, to keep any new construction to a minimum, said Borowec, the county director of economic development and tourism.

"We're looking at how creative these folks can be," said Mr. Borowec. "There are a large number of towers in place already."

If things go smoothly, high speed could be available to 90 per cent of Northumberland within a year and a half, he said.

"It's an essential step in terms of economic initiatives, for individuals that come to the

county and want to use connectivity," the director noted.

According to a recent county staff report, bringing high-speed Internet access to Northumberland presents a few challenges. Rolling terrain, dense tree cover and low population density have kept private Internet providers from investing in the equipment, stated the report.

"What makes Northumberland County so attractive is the rolling hills and it's also part of the challenges," said Warden Herrington.

There are some pockets of rural Northumberland that already have high speed Internet. This project won't be replacing those but instead bringing broadband into areas with no Internet access or slow access via dial-up.

The county is also considering applying to a new federal connectivity program. Depending on the program restrictions, the county could ask for federal funds to improve the technology so there is complete broadband coverage for all of Northumberland.

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

EB-2008-0214

Veridian Connections Inc.

The Ontario Energy Board has received an application on November 7, 2008 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 Veridian Connections Inc. ("Veridian Connections") charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2008-0214. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of Veridian Connections' customers. The application was filed under the Board's guidelines for 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation, which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to rates between cost of service applications.

Any change to the rates that Veridian Connections 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.

Veridian Connections indicates that if the application is approved as filed, a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month in the Main service area would experience an approximate 4.1% increase in their delivery charges. This is a \$1.40 increase per month on their bill. A residential (Urban Year-Round) customer in the Gravenhurst service area consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience an approximate 3.8% increase in their delivery charges. This is a \$1.51 increase per month on their bill. A residential (Suburban Year-Round) customer in the Gravenhurst service area consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience an approximate 3.5% increase in their delivery charges. This is a \$1.54 increase per month on their bill. A residential (Suburban Seasonal) customer in the Gravenhurst service area consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience an approximate 2.6% increase in their delivery charges. This is a \$1.70 increase per month on their bill.

A small general service customer consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of 50 kW or lower in the Main service area would experience an approximate 2.4% increase in their delivery charges. This is a \$1.54 increase per month on their bill. A small general service customer consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of 50 kW or lower in the Gravenhurst service area would experience an approximate 2.6% increase in their delivery charges. This is a \$1.79 increase per month on their bill.

How to see Veridian Connections' 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 Veridian Connections' office and may be on its website.

How to Participate in the Rate Proceeding

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

1. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board
Your letter with comments will be provided to the Board members deciding the application, and will be part of the public record for the application. Your letter must be received by the Board no later than January 5, 2009. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

2. Become an Observer
Observers do not actively participate in the proceedings but monitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving documents issued by the Board. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in this proceeding. If you become an observer, you need to contact the applicant and others in order to receive documents that they file in this proceeding and they may charge you for this. Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website. Your request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than December 12, 2008. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below; however two paper copies are also required. You must also provide a copy of your letter to the applicant.

3. Become an Intervenor
You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Intervenor status is eligible to receive evidence and other material submitted by participants in the hearing. Likewise, intervenors will be expected to send copies of any material they file to all parties to the hearing.

Your request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than December 12, 2008. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may order costs in this proceeding in relation to Veridian Connections' request for the recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism and Shared Savings Mechanism amounts. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from

the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

The Board intends to proceed with this application by way of written hearing, but may include an oral component for certain parts of the application. That component may be in the form of a technical conference or an oral hearing, or both. The extent of the oral component of the proceeding will be determined on a case by case basis. This approach will enable the Board to address certain matters more effectively than would be possible in a proceeding conducted entirely on a written basis. If you object to the Board proceeding in this fashion, your letter of intervention must state the nature of the process you believe to be necessary and the reasons for undertaking such a process.

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 January 5, 2009. The applicant shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all parties no later than January 19, 2009.

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 February 2, 2009. If the applicant wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all parties by February 17, 2009.

How to File Documents with the Board

If you already have a user ID, please submit your interrogatories or submission through the Board's portal at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies are required. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board's website under e-filing and fill out a user ID password request. 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-2008-0214 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 25, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Stolen truck found in mall parking lot

COBOURG - Cobourg police are analyzing property found in a recovered stolen truck to help nab the culprit.

On Nov. 28 at 11:30 a.m., police received information about a 1991, silver Chevrolet pick-up truck reported stolen in Port Hope.

An hour later, Cobourg officers found the truck parked in the No Frills parking lot on Division Street. Officers watched the truck from a distance to see if anyone returned to it but no one did. The truck was towed to the Cobourg police office for evidence and identification purposes.

Although no fingerprints were found, police say some property from the truck did not belong to its owner. The investigation into this incident continues as police analyze the property.