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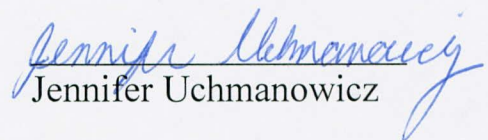
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Sealing boat veered off course under tow before capsizing in ice: TSB

By Alison Auld
THE CANADIAN PRESS

HALIFAX — The clutch on a sealing boat that sank while being towed last March was likely engaged, causing it to fatally veer sharply off course and into the path of a large ice pack, investigators said Wednesday.

Officials with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada said L'Acadien II either intentionally or accidentally accelerated at two critical points while they were being towed through thick ice by the coast guard ship Sir William Alexander.

Pierre Murray, regional manager of investigations for the board, said the 12-metre fishing boat first engaged the clutch when it drifted into relatively open water.

Because the boat had a broken rudder, he said the acceleration likely caused it to swerve dramatically to the icebreaker's port side and headlong into the ice floe's path.

"We strongly believe it was engaged, but it's not possible to determine why it was engaged - intentionally, inadvertently or mechanical failure," Murray told reporters at a briefing in Halifax.

He added the crew activated the clutch again when they realized it was about to collide with the ice in a futile bid to accelerate over it. But that only hastened its capsizing, resulting in the deaths of four of the six crew from Iles de la Madeleine in Quebec.

"Seconds before L'Acadien hit the ice, the clutch was engaged and the engine was put on at full speed," he said. One of the few witnesses to the tragedy angrily condemned the findings, saying the board essentially blamed the fishermen rather than a coast guard crew he insists wasn't monitoring the tow and didn't respond quickly enough to the dire situation.

"Incompetence killed those guys," Wayne Dickson, who was trailing behind L'Acadien II in his own boat, said from Iles de la Madeleine. "Nothing that the boys did aboard that boat had anything to do with what happened. I was there. I saw it."

The mayor of the remote cluster of islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence also said family members of the four dead men and the two survivors reacted with bitterness and disbelief that the board appeared to pin responsibility for the accident on the men, rather than the coast guard.

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EB-2008-0208

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE PUC Distribution Inc.

The Ontario Energy Board has received an application on November 6, 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 PUC Distribution Inc. charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2008-0208. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of PUC Distribution Inc.'s customers. The application was filed under the Board's guidelines for 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation, which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to rates between cost of service applications.

Any change to the rates that PUC 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.

PUC Distribution Inc. indicates that if the application is approved as filed, a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience an approximate 2.3% increase in their delivery charges. This is a \$0.68 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 would experience an approximate 0.1% decrease in their delivery charges. This is a \$0.05 decrease per month on their bill.

How to see PUC 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 PUC Distribution Inc.'s office and may be on its website.

How to Participate in the Rate Proceeding

The Board intends to proceed with PUC 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 12, 2008**. 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 **January 5, 2009**. 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 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 who made submissions 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 web portal at www.errr.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-filings 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-2008-0208 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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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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