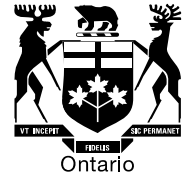


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BY E-MAIL

October 23, 2008

Mr. Jim Hogan
Chief Financial Officer
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Dear Mr. Hogan,

**Re: Application for Leave to Acquire Dutton Hydro Ltd. and Newbury Power Inc.
Board File Number EB-2008-0332**

This will acknowledge receipt on October 15, 2008 of your application for leave to acquire Dutton Hydro Ltd. and Newbury Power Inc. The Board has assigned File Number EB-2008-0332 to this matter. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence to the Board regarding this matter. All information related to this matter that is to be included in the record of the application must be filed with the Board Secretary.

Based on the Board's experience with applications of this nature, the Board expects that it will be able to render a decision and/or order for this application on or about February 23, 2009.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Lenore Dougan, Advisor at 416-440-8141 or e-mail, lenore.dougan@oeb.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

John Pickernell
Assistant Board Secretary