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To: All Interested Persons

**RE: Regulated Price Plan (RP-2004-0205)
Board's Proposal and Workshop**

Today the Ontario Energy Board is releasing its Proposal regarding the Regulated Price Plan ("RPP").

Board's Proposal

The *Ontario Energy Board Amendment Act, 2003* and Bill 100 require that the price of electricity for low volume and other designated consumers will be established by the Board commencing no later than May 1, 2005. Eligibility for the RPP will be established by Government regulation.

The Board's Proposal is available on the Board's web site (www.oeb.gov.on.ca) under "What's New" or at the Board's office at the above address.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the Board's Proposal by **December 21, 2004**.

The Board's Consultation Process To Date

In developing the RPP Proposal, the Board has consulted with stakeholders through two processes. On September 10th, an open "town hall" meeting was held to allow for a preliminary exchange of ideas. In late September, the Board formed a working group of stakeholders to study the options, identify implementation issues and make recommendations to Board staff. This working group had seven full-day meetings. The Board has benefited greatly from this input and has considered it carefully in developing its RPP Proposal.

All materials related to these consultations are available on the Board's web site (www.oeb.gov.on.ca). Under *Major Key Initiatives* on the lower left side of the home page, you will find a direct link to the Regulated Pricing Plan.

After the period for comments on the RPP Proposal has closed, the Board will prepare regulatory instruments (new or amended codes) that will be required to implement the RPP.

There will then be an opportunity for stakeholders and the broader public to provide input on those regulatory instruments.

RPP Workshop

The Board will also hold a Workshop on the Proposal. The Workshop will begin with Board staff providing a brief overview of the key elements in the RPP Proposal. This overview will be followed by a "Question and Answer" session where interested parties will have an opportunity to seek clarification.

The RPP Workshop will be held in the afternoon (1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) of **December 14, 2004** at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, West Hearing Room, Toronto.

If you wish to register for the RPP Workshop, please send an e-mail to: RPP@oeb.gov.on.ca. Please include your name, affiliation, address, and fax number in the e-mail. You must register by December 10th.

Next Steps

Organizations that wish to provide written comments on the Board's RPP Proposal should file nine (9) paper copies of their comments with the Board Secretary at the address listed above, and an electronic copy in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) and Word or WordPerfect formats to BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca, by 4:30 p.m. on **December 21, 2004**. Individuals who wish to comment need file only a single copy of their comments. Your submission should quote file number **RP-2004-0205** and include your name, address, e-mail address and fax number.

Any questions relating to this consultation can be directed to Russell Chute (416-440-7682), Chris Cincar (416-440-4676) or the Board's Customer Call Centre toll free (1-888-632-6273). E-mail inquiries should be directed to RPP@oeb.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,

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Board Secretary