

Financial Statements of

VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.

Year ended December 31, 2005



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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER

We have audited the balance sheet of Veridian Connections Inc. as at December 31, 2005 and the statements of operations and retained earnings and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Chartered Accountants

Toronto, Canada

March 3, 2006

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Balance Sheet

December 31, 2005, with comparative figures for 2004

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 24,662,821 | \$ 13,555,918 |
| Accounts receivable (note 2) | 15,662,983 | 16,788,702 |
| Amounts recoverable in lieu of corporate income taxes | 948,753 | 336,875 |
| Unbilled revenue | 32,831,359 | 23,836,596 |
| Prepaid expenses | 384,458 | 317,100 |
| Inventory | 125,935 | — |
| Regulatory assets, current (note 5) | 1,102,135 | 851,956 |
| | <u>75,718,444</u> | <u>55,687,147</u> |
| Deferred charges (note 3) | 32,238 | 84,696 |
| Capital assets (note 4) | 114,054,497 | 106,990,573 |
| Intangible assets | 8,746,197 | 3,775,889 |
| Regulatory assets (note 5) | 1,609,117 | 1,352,314 |
| | <u>\$ 200,160,493</u> | <u>\$ 167,890,619</u> |
| Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable - energy | \$ 25,927,570 | \$ 13,459,647 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 20,983,770 | 10,532,691 |
| Advance payments - construction deposits | 535,422 | 341,420 |
| Developer obligations | 1,114,584 | — |
| Current portion of amounts due to related parties (note 7) | 19,797,957 | 8,867,736 |
| Current portion of long-term debt (note 8) | 43,588,000 | — |
| Regulatory liabilities, current (note 5) | 2,215,829 | 552,033 |
| Current portion of amounts due to Hydro One Network Inc. (note 9) | 432,132 | 274,467 |
| | <u>114,595,264</u> | <u>34,027,994</u> |
| Long-term liabilities: | | |
| Long-term debt (note 8) | — | 43,588,000 |
| Amounts due to Hydro One Network Inc. (note 9) | 641,898 | 823,401 |
| Regulatory liabilities (note 5) | 8,850,777 | 3,879,625 |
| Due to related parties (note 7) | — | 14,500,000 |
| Employee future benefits (note 10) | 707,102 | 580,160 |
| Customer deposits and contractor obligations | 4,303,488 | 5,580,893 |
| | <u>14,503,265</u> | <u>68,952,079</u> |
| Shareholder's equity: | | |
| Share capital (note 11) | 64,302,002 | 64,302,002 |
| Contributed capital | 22,765 | 22,765 |
| Retained earnings | 6,737,197 | 585,779 |
| | <u>71,061,964</u> | <u>64,910,546</u> |
| Contingencies and guarantees (note 12) | | |
| Lease commitments (note 13) | | |
| | <u>\$ 200,160,493</u> | <u>\$ 167,890,619</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

Chair, Board of Directors

Chair, Audit and Finance Committee

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Statement of Operations and Retained Earnings

Year ended December 31, 2005, with comparative figures for 2004

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Revenue | \$ 207,388,764 | \$ 180,210,703 |
| Cost of power | 168,860,027 | 147,564,153 |
| Gross margin | 38,528,737 | 32,646,550 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Billing and settlement services (note 7) | 6,394,539 | 7,085,059 |
| Operating and maintenance | 4,415,437 | 3,684,857 |
| Administrative and general (note 7) | 6,183,752 | 6,620,699 |
| Metering services (note 7) | 631,219 | 701,979 |
| Interest on long-term debt (note 8) | 4,847,763 | 4,726,741 |
| Amortization | 8,589,517 | 8,083,475 |
| | 31,062,227 | 30,902,810 |
| Operating income before the undernoted | 7,466,510 | 1,743,740 |
| Other income (note 14) | 2,434,609 | 3,076,431 |
| Income before income taxes | 9,901,119 | 4,820,171 |
| Payments in lieu of corporate income taxes | (3,749,701) | (2,220,657) |
| Net income | 6,151,418 | 2,599,514 |
| Retained earnings (deficit), beginning of year | 585,779 | (2,013,735) |
| Retained earnings, end of year | \$ 6,737,197 | \$ 585,779 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2005, with comparative figures for 2004

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash provided by (used in): | | |
| Operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 6,151,418 | \$ 2,599,514 |
| Items not affecting cash: | | |
| Decrease in regulatory assets (liabilities) | 5,912,421 | 2,922,345 |
| Change in employee future benefits obligation | 126,942 | 9,946 |
| Amortization of capital assets and deferred charges | 8,589,517 | 8,083,475 |
| | <u>20,780,298</u> | <u>13,615,280</u> |
| Change in non-cash operating working capital, net of effect of businesses acquired (note 15) | 27,153,650 | (7,282,762) |
| | <u>47,933,948</u> | <u>6,332,518</u> |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Decrease in customer deposits and contractor obligations | (1,277,405) | (1,325,970) |
| Decrease in long-term amounts due to related parties | (14,500,000) | — |
| Amounts due to Hydro One Network Inc. | (23,838) | 1,097,868 |
| | <u>(15,801,243)</u> | <u>(228,102)</u> |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Additions to capital assets, net of contributed capital | (6,949,427) | (5,948,813) |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired | (14,076,375) | — |
| | <u>(21,025,802)</u> | <u>(5,948,813)</u> |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | 11,106,903 | 155,603 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 13,555,918 | 13,400,315 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | <u>\$ 24,662,821</u> | <u>\$ 13,555,918</u> |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | |
| Interest received | \$ 576,108 | \$ 469,728 |
| Interest paid | 126,744 | 310,042 |
| Supplemental disclosure of non-cash financing activities and investing activities: | | |
| Amounts in lieu of corporate income taxes | 4,169 | 3,121,018 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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Veridian Connections Inc. (the "Company") commenced operations on November 1, 1999. It is a fully owned subsidiary of Veridian Corporation (the "Corporation"). The Company is licensed by the Ontario Energy Board (the "OEB") as an electricity distributor.

1. Significant accounting policies:

(a) Basis of presentation:

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada.

(b) Rate setting:

The Company is regulated by the OEB under authority of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998. The OEB is charged with the responsibility of approving or setting rates for the transmission and distribution of electricity and the responsibility for ensuring that distribution companies fulfill obligations to connect and service customers.

The OEB has the general power to include or exclude costs, revenues, losses or gains in the rates of a specific period, resulting in the change in the timing of accounting recognition from that, which would have applied in an unregulated company. Such change in the timing involves the application of rate regulated accounting, giving rise to the recognition of regulatory assets and liabilities. The Company's regulatory assets represent certain amounts receivable from future customers and costs that have been deferred for accounting purposes because it is probable that they will be recovered in future rates. In addition, the Company has recorded regulatory liabilities which represent amounts for expenses incurred in different periods that would be the case had the Company been unregulated. Specifically, the following accounting treatments have been applied:

- (i) Capital and operating costs incurred in respect of the transition to competitive markets have been deferred with amortization to commence on the date that a rate increase is implemented to offset the amortization of the transition costs.
- (ii) An amount to represent the cost of funds used during construction and development has been applied based on the value of construction in progress.
- (iii) The Company does not record future income tax assets or liabilities for its regulated business activities to the extent that it is expected that the recovery or realization of these amounts will be included in future distribution rates.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(iv) The Company has deferred certain pre-market opening cost of power variances and post-market opening retail settlement variances in accordance with Article 490 of the OEB's Accounting Procedures Handbook.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as cash and bank term deposits or equivalent financial instruments with original maturities upon issue of less than 90 days.

(d) Revenue recognition:

Revenue from the sale of electricity is recognized on the accrual basis, which includes an estimate of unbilled revenue representing electricity consumed by customers since the date of each customer's last meter reading. Actual results could differ from estimates made of actual electricity usage.

(e) Measurement uncertainty:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Accounts receivable, unbilled revenue and regulatory assets are reported based on amounts expected to be recovered and an appropriate allowance for unrecoverable amounts. Inventories are recorded net of provisions for obsolescence. Due to inherent uncertainty involved in making such estimates, actual results reported in future years could differ from those estimates recorded in preparing these financial statements, including changes as a result of future decisions made by the OEB or the Minister of Energy. Amounts recorded for amortization of capital assets are based on estimates of useful service life.

(f) Capital assets:

Capital assets purchased or constructed by the Company are stated at cost and include contracted services, material labour, engineering costs, overheads and an allowance for the cost of funds used during construction when applied. Also included in capital assets is the cost of capital assets constructed by developers or customers and contributed to the Company. The OEB requires that such contributions be offset against the related asset cost.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

When identifiable buildings, distribution station equipment and office equipment are retired or otherwise disposed of, their original cost and accumulated amortization are removed from the accounts and the related gain or loss is included in current operations. Repairs and maintenance expenditures are charged to operations. The cost and related accumulated amortization of transmission and distribution system are removed from the accounts at the end of the estimated average service lives.

Amortization is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated service lives at the following annual rates:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Land rights | 2% |
| Buildings | 2% - 4% |
| Distribution station equipment | 3% - 33% |
| Transmission and distribution system | 4% - 10% |
| Meters and water heaters | 10% |
| Office equipment | 10% |
| Computer hardware | 20% |
| Computer software | 33.33% |
| Vehicle fleet | 12.5% - 33.33% |

Construction in progress comprises capital assets under construction, assets not yet placed into service and pre-construction activities related to specific projects expected to be constructed.

An allowance for the cost of funds used during the construction period has been applied. The rate applied for the current fiscal period is equal to the rate allowed by the OEB in respect of long-term borrowings, being 7% (2004 - 7%).

When portions of the Company's distribution facilities are replaced or relocated, the asset is charged with the costs of construction less the salvage value of any material returned to inventory. Amortization is then provided at the same rate used for the original asset.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(g) Intangible assets:

Intangible assets are principally comprised of licences issued by the OEB granting authority to provide electricity distribution services within specified exclusive areas. Such amounts arise from acquisitions. Intangible assets are assessed for future recoverability or impairment on an annual basis. Intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized. Any permanent impairment of the value of intangible assets is recorded as a charge against income in the year that such determination is made.

(h) Deferred charges:

Deferred charges consist of deferred incorporation charges and other corporate costs and software development costs. The incorporation charges and other corporate costs are amortized over five years. The software costs are capitalized as computer software when they are ready for use.

(i) Customer deposits and contractor obligations:

Customers and contractors may be required to post security to obtain electricity or other services. Interest is paid on customer balances at rates established from time to time by the Company.

(j) Pension and other post-employment benefits:

The Company accounts for its participation in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS"), a multi-employer public sector pension fund, as a defined contribution plan.

The Company actuarially determines the cost of other employment and post-employment benefits offered to employees. These unfunded plans are accounted for as defined benefit obligations. The Company applies the projected benefit method, prorated on service and based on management's best estimate and assumptions. Under this method, the projected post-retirement benefit is deemed to be earned on a pro rata basis over the years of service in the attribution period commencing at date of hire, and ending at the earliest age the employee could retire and qualify for benefits.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(k) Payments in lieu of corporate income taxes:

Under the Electricity Act, 1998, the Company is required to make payments in lieu of corporate income taxes ("PILs") to Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation ("OEFC"). These payments are calculated in accordance with the rules for computing income and taxable capital and other relevant amounts contained in the Income Tax Act (Canada) and the Corporations Tax Act (Ontario), as modified by the Electricity Act, 1998, and related regulations.

The Company uses the asset and liability method of accounting for the tax effect of temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax basis of the Company's assets and liabilities. Temporary differences arise when the realization of an asset or the settlement of a liability would give rise to either an increase or decrease in the Company's income taxes payable in the year or a later period. No provision is made in these financial statements for future income taxes to the extent the future income taxes are expected to be included in the rates charged to customers in the future. Management believes that when unrecorded future income taxes become payable, or the assets are realized, it is expected that they will be included in rates approved by the OEB and recovered from customers at that time.

2. Accounts receivable:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Energy revenue | \$ 14,127,206 | \$ 14,819,689 |
| Retailer revenue (expense) | (213,575) | 139,990 |
| Project expenditures recoverable from customers | 1,953,055 | 1,371,297 |
| Other | 405,124 | 827,726 |
| | 16,271,810 | 17,158,702 |
| Less allowance for doubtful accounts | 608,827 | 370,000 |
| | \$ 15,662,983 | \$ 16,788,702 |

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3. Deferred charges:

| | 2005 | | 2004 | |
|--------------------------------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Deferred incorporation charges | \$ | 8,816 | \$ | 31,606 |
| Other | | 23,422 | | 53,090 |
| | \$ | 32,238 | \$ | 84,696 |

4. Capital assets:

| | 2005 | | 2004 | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated amortization | Net book value | Net book value |
| Land | \$ 763,406 | \$ — | \$ 763,406 | \$ 558,320 |
| Land rights | 690,060 | 86,067 | 603,993 | 93,777 |
| Buildings | 1,246,023 | 458,787 | 787,236 | 417,230 |
| Distribution station equipment | 24,043,991 | 11,427,719 | 12,616,272 | 11,667,353 |
| Transmission and distribution system | 211,900,437 | 103,269,162 | 108,631,275 | 101,410,882 |
| Meters and water heaters | 10,094,648 | 2,102,800 | 7,991,848 | 6,220,057 |
| Office equipment | 203,764 | 143,174 | 60,590 | 15,934 |
| Computer hardware | 406,463 | 357,027 | 49,436 | 26,488 |
| Computer software | 1,397,266 | 655,671 | 741,595 | 372,997 |
| Vehicle fleet | 1,831,230 | 1,231,804 | 599,426 | 110,041 |
| Contributions in aid of construction | (22,065,855) | (3,275,275) | (18,790,580) | (13,902,506) |
| | \$ 230,511,433 | \$ 116,456,936 | \$ 114,054,497 | \$ 106,990,573 |

During the year, \$168,561 (2004 - \$154,479) representing an allowance for the cost of funds used during construction was capitalized.

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5. Regulatory assets (liabilities):

Regulatory assets (liabilities) can arise out of the rate making process.

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Regulatory assets: | | |
| Deferred transition costs | \$ 1,050,865 | \$ 831,352 |
| Pre-market opening cost of power variances | 2,537,531 | 1,997,707 |
| OEB costs and pension contributions | 760,550 | — |
| Less: | | |
| Amounts recovered through distribution rates | 1,268,621 | 624,789 |
| Amounts expected to be recovered in the next year | 1,102,135 | 851,956 |
| Valuation allowance | 369,073 | — |
| | <u>\$ 1,609,117</u> | <u>\$ 1,352,314</u> |
| Regulatory liabilities: | | |
| Conservation and demand management | \$ 126,811 | \$ — |
| Post-market opening retail settlement variances | 10,939,795 | 4,431,658 |
| Less amounts expected to be settled in the next year | 2,215,829 | 552,033 |
| | <u>\$ 8,850,777</u> | <u>\$ 3,879,625</u> |

Deferred transition costs represent costs related to the transition to a competitive electricity market, mandated by the Electricity Act, 1998. The OEB has established rules in respect of transition costs, to qualify amounts for deferral and amortization against future revenue. To the extent that transition costs have been incurred that do not qualify for deferral, these costs have been expensed during the year in which they were incurred. In the absence of rate regulated accounting, amortization expense in 2005 would have been lower by approximately \$47,054.

Pre-market opening cost of power variances represent amounts accumulated as a result of the excess of the cost of power purchased by the Company over the amount billed for this power prior to the market opening. The OEB directed utilities to accumulate such variances in the period leading up to market opening. In the absence of rate regulated accounting, interest income in 2005 would have been lower by \$169,131.

The OEB approved the establishment of a regulatory deferral account to record the Company's distribution-related pension contributions and OEB hearing costs that would otherwise have been charged to results of operations, less the effect of the valuation allowance.

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5. Regulatory assets (liabilities) (continued):

Post-market opening retail settlement variances are variances that have occurred since May 1, 2002 when the competitive electricity market was declared open and that have accumulated pursuant to direction from the OEB. Specifically, these amounts include variances between the amount charged by the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") for the operation of the markets and grid, as well as various wholesale market settlement charges, transmission charges as compared to the amount billed to consumers based on the OEB approved wholesale market services rate. In the absence of rate regulated accounting, interest income in 2005 would have been lower by \$39,732.

As a result of the Company's distribution rate application filed in January 2004, the regulatory assets are expected to be recovered over a period not to exceed four years from March 1, 2004. The amount to be recovered annually is subject to an OEB review and approval process.

Management continues to assess the likelihood of recovery of its regulatory assets and believes that it is probable that its regulatory assets and liability balances will be factored into setting of future rates. In the event that recovery from future rates is no longer considered probable or portions of amounts deferred are determined not to be recoverable, such amounts will be expensed in the period this determination is made.

6. Amounts available to offset future payments in lieu of corporate income taxes:

The Company has unrecorded future income tax assets arising substantially from differences between accounting and tax values for capital assets amounting to \$10,729,000 (2004 - \$11,500,000) based on current PILs rates. The benefit of these amounts will be recorded as they are realized and form part of the rates charged to customers.

In the absence of rate regulated accounting, the Company's provision for PILs would have been recognized on an accrual basis rather than under the taxes payable method. As a result, the provision for PILs would have been higher by approximately \$771,000.

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7. Related party transactions and balances:

The Company purchases administrative and management services from its parent, and meter reading, billing and collection services from Veridian Energy Inc., another subsidiary of the parent. Charges for these services are recorded at exchange amounts established and agreed to by the related parties. For the year ended December 31, 2005, the cost of these services is as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Billing and settlement services | \$ 6,394,539 | \$ 7,085,059 |
| Administrative and management services | 3,965,639 | 4,171,070 |
| Metering services | 631,219 | 701,979 |
| | <u>\$ 10,991,397</u> | <u>\$ 11,958,108</u> |

At December 31, balances owing to related parties are as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Veridian Corporation: | | |
| Payables relating to services rendered, without interest or terms of repayment | \$ 4,053,424 | \$ 785,736 |
| Loan payable, due December 2006 at interest rates ranging from 5.6% to 5.7% | 14,500,000 | 14,500,000 |
| Veridian Energy Inc.: | | |
| Payable relating to services rendered, without interest or terms of repayment | 1,244,533 | 8,082,000 |
| | <u>19,797,957</u> | <u>23,367,736</u> |
| Less current portion | 19,797,957 | 8,867,736 |
| | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 14,500,000</u> |

Interest on long-term debt includes interest of \$3,312,996 (2004 - \$3,312,996) on the notes payable to the shareholders of the parent company.

During the year, interest in the amount of \$898,488 (2004 - \$826,268) and \$132,307 (2004 - \$415,415) was paid to Veridian Corporation and Veridian Energy Inc., respectively.

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7. Related party transactions and balances (continued):

The Company provides electricity and services to the shareholders of its parent company, the Town of Ajax, the Municipality of Clarington, the City of Pickering and the City of Belleville (collectively, the "shareholders"). Electrical energy is sold to the shareholders at the same prices and terms as other electricity customers consuming equivalent amounts of electricity. The Company also provides street light and power line maintenance services to the shareholders on a contract basis. The charges for these services are at rates similar to those charged to other customers of maintenance services. A summary of amounts charged by the Company to the parent company shareholders is as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Electrical energy and services | \$ 5,105,585 | \$ 5,470,294 |

At December 31, 2005, accounts receivable includes \$668,015 (2004 - \$922,107) due from the shareholders.

8. Long-term debt:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| 7.6% notes payable to shareholders of Veridian Corporation, due on November 1, 2006 | \$ 43,588,000 | \$ 43,588,000 |

The notes payable mature on November 1, 2006 and are convertible at the option of the holder on the basis of one common share for each \$1,000 of principal amount.

Interest on long-term debt is comprised of:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Interest on notes payable and debentures | \$ 3,312,996 | \$ 3,312,996 |
| Interest on customer deposits and other | 1,703,328 | 1,568,224 |
| | 5,016,324 | 4,881,220 |
| Less allowance for funds used during construction | 168,561 | 154,479 |
| | \$ 4,847,763 | \$ 4,726,741 |

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9. Amounts due to Hydro One Network Inc.:

During the year, the OEB rendered a decision to allow Hydro One Network Inc. to recover certain costs from embedded distributors and for this recovery to take place on a monthly basis commencing April 1, 2005. The amount is expected to be recovered in full by April 30, 2006.

The amount due to Hydro One Network Inc. by the Company is \$1,074,030. This amount is expected to be recovered through the Company's distribution rates. The amount expected to be paid during the next year is \$432,132.

10. Employee benefits:

(a) Pensions:

During 2005, the Company made contributions totalling \$334,971 (2004 - \$311,059) to OMERS.

(b) Employee future benefits:

The Company pays certain benefits on behalf of its retired employees. The Company recognizes these post-retirement costs in the period in which the employees render the services.

Information about the Company's non-contributory defined benefit plans to fund life insurance benefits is as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Accrued benefit liability recognized at January 1 | \$ 580,160 | \$ 570,214 |
| Current service costs and interest expense on accrued benefit obligation | 178,303 | 41,158 |
| Benefits payments | (51,361) | (31,212) |
| Accrued benefit obligation at December 31 | \$ 707,102 | \$ 580,160 |

The amounts presented are based upon an actuarial valuation performed as of December 31, 2004, with a measurement date of February 18, 2005. The next valuation is expected to be performed for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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10. Employee benefits (continued):

The main actuarial assumptions employed for the valuations are as follows:

(i) General inflation:

Future general inflation levels, as measured by change in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"), were assumed at 2.2% for future years.

(ii) Interest (discount) rate:

Amounts were determined using an annual discount rate of 5.75%. This corresponds to the assumed CPI rate plus an assumed real rate of return of 3.55%.

(iii) Salary levels:

Future general salary and wage levels were assumed to increase at 3% per annum.

11. Share capital:

| | 2005 | | 2004 | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Number of shares | Amount | Number of shares | Amount |
| Authorized: | | | | |
| Unlimited common shares | | | | |
| Issued | 10,000 | \$ 64,302,002 | 10,000 | \$ 64,302,002 |

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12. Contingencies and guarantees:

(a) Insurance claims:

The Company is a member of the Municipal Electric Association Reciprocal Insurance Exchange ("MEARIE") which was created on January 1, 1987. A reciprocal insurance exchange may be defined as a group of persons formed for the purpose of exchanging reciprocal contracts of indemnity or inter-insurance with each other. MEARIE provides general liability insurance to member electric utilities.

Insurance premiums charged to each member electric utility consist of a levy per \$1,000 of service revenue subject to a credit or surcharge based on each electric utility's claims experience. Insurance limits of \$20,000,000 per occurrence are covered by MEARIE.

(b) Other claims:

A class action claiming \$500,000,000 in restitutionary payments plus interest was served on Toronto Hydro on November 18, 1998. The action was initiated against Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission as the representative of the Defendant Class, consisting of all municipal electric utilities in Ontario which have charged late payment charges on overdue utility bills at anytime after April 1, 1981.

The claim is that late payment penalties result in the municipal electric utilities receiving interest at effective rates in excess of 60% per year, which is illegal under Section 347(1)(b) of the Criminal Code.

The action has not yet been certified as either a plaintiff or defendant class action. At this time, it is not possible to quantify the effect, if any, on the financial statements of the Company.

On April 22, 2004, the Supreme Court of Canada released its decision in a case commenced against Enbridge Gas Distribution ("EGD") by a customer with respect to late payment penalties. The Supreme Court of Canada determined that EGD would be required to repay a portion of amounts paid to it as late payment penalties from April 1994. Any implications of the EGD decision on the Toronto Hydro class action cannot be determined at this time.

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12. Contingencies and guarantees (continued):

(c) Guarantees:

The Company participates in the competitive electricity market to procure a supply of electricity for its customers. All market participants are required to post security prudentials to participate in the market. Veridian Corporation, the parent of the Company, has posted letters of credit on behalf of the Company in the amount of \$5,565,530.

13. Lease commitments:

Future minimum lease payment obligations under operating leases are as follows:

| | | |
|------------|----|---------|
| 2006 | \$ | 33,800 |
| 2007 | | 8,700 |
| 2008 | | 4,800 |
| 2009 | | 2,000 |
| 2010 | | 2,000 |
| Thereafter | | 78,000 |
| | \$ | 129,300 |

14. Other income:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Late payment charges | \$ 501,234 | \$ 424,628 |
| Customer charges | 438,959 | 355,583 |
| Pole rentals | 143,304 | 401,730 |
| Interest | 576,108 | 469,728 |
| Other | 775,004 | 1,424,762 |
| | \$ 2,434,609 | \$ 3,076,431 |

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15. Change in non-cash operating working capital, net of businesses acquired:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Accounts receivable | \$ 2,380,918 | \$ (4,045,858) |
| Unbilled revenue | (7,734,677) | (4,120,256) |
| Prepaid expenses | (37,065) | (241,298) |
| Amounts recoverable/payable in lieu of corporate income taxes | (635,878) | (317,871) |
| Accounts payable - energy | 10,780,577 | (1,038,152) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 10,125,640 | 3,753,953 |
| Advance payments - construction deposits | 142,613 | (64,479) |
| Due to related parties | 10,930,221 | (1,208,801) |
| Inventory | 86,717 | — |
| Developer obligations | 1,114,584 | — |
| | <u>\$ 27,153,650</u> | <u>\$ (7,282,762)</u> |

16. Fair values of financial instruments:

The carrying amounts of all financial instruments, except long-term debt, approximate fair values. It is not practicable to estimate the fair value of long-term debt as it is not publicly traded.

17. Acquisitions:

(a) Gravenhurst Hydro Electric Inc.:

On October 31, 2005, the Company completed a share purchase agreement with Gravenhurst Power Inc., a wholly owned corporation of the Town of Gravenhurst, to acquire 100% of the shares of Gravenhurst Hydro Electric Inc. for purchase consideration of \$11.85 million. Gravenhurst Hydro Electric Inc. is a licensed local distribution company that distributes electricity to approximately 6,000 customers in the Town of Gravenhurst.

(b) Scugog Hydro Energy Corporation:

On June 30, 2005, the Company completed a share purchase agreement with the Township of Scugog to acquire 100% of the shares of Scugog Hydro Energy Corporation for purchase consideration of \$3.45 million. Scugog Hydro Energy Corporation is a licensed local distribution company that distributes electricity to approximately 2,400 customers in the Township of Scugog.

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17. Acquisitions (continued):

The following table summarizes the net assets acquired as of the closing date for each acquisition:

| | Gravenhurst Hydro Electric Inc. | Scugog Hydro Energy Corporation |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Current | \$ 2,928,486 | \$ 1,220,478 |
| Capital | 7,178,628 | 1,472,925 |
| Intangible | 8,816 | — |
| Regulatory | 176,811 | 385,674 |
| | <u>10,292,741</u> | <u>3,079,077</u> |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Current | 1,210,426 | 844,452 |
| Other | 135,130 | 51,389 |
| Regulatory | 349,142 | — |
| | <u>1,694,698</u> | <u>895,841</u> |
| Legal costs and other adjustments | <u>185,456</u> | <u>236,131</u> |
| Net assets acquired | 8,412,587 | 1,947,105 |
| Purchase price | 11,880,000 | 3,450,000 |
| Purchase price premium, allocated to intangible assets | <u>\$ 3,467,413</u> | <u>\$ 1,502,895</u> |

18. Comparative figures:

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted in the current year.