



**RP-2004-0203**  
**EB-2004-0524**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,  
S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** Application by Brant County Power  
Inc. under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for approval of its  
Conservation and Demand Management Plan.

### **INTERIM ORDER**

Brant County Power Inc. (BCPI) filed an application dated November 30, 2004 with the Ontario Energy Board (the Board). By letter dated December 2, 2004 BCPI indicated that the application was for an interim order of the Board pre-approving its Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Plan. The Board assigned File No. RP-2004-0203/EB-2004-0524 to this application.

The Minister of Energy by letters dated May 31, 2004 granted approval to all electricity distributors to apply to the Board for approval to establish a deferral account to record costs incurred with respect to conservation and demand management activities.

On October 5, 2004, the Board issued a Procedural Order (the Procedural Order) which addressed the opening of deferral accounts; the recovery of development expenses; the process for applying for plan approval; and the filing requirements for plan approval.

Pursuant to the Procedural Order all electricity distribution companies, including BCPI, received authorization to establish a deferral account.

The estimated budget for BCPI's CDM plan consists of: \$125,000 for distribution system improvements; \$70,000 for a smart meter pilot; \$12,000 for the replacement of garage doors at BCPI's premises; \$82,000 for a general education and awareness program; \$15,000 for staff training and development; and, \$20,000 for administration, planning and monitoring. The total estimated budget is \$324,000. BCPI indicated in its application that the budget overage is due to estimating of costs and that the final budget will be \$314,802.

The Board finds that the activities and programs proposed by BCPI qualify as conservation and demand management activities and that the planned investments are eligible for tracking in the deferral account. The third installment of BCPI's incremental Market Adjusted Revenue Requirement (MARR) is about \$314,802. The total CDM budget proposed by BCPI is \$314,802.

The Board, at this time, approves on an interim basis the expenditure of \$314,802 for implementation of the CDM Plan, which is consistent with the amount of the third installment of BCPI's incremental MARR. The Board requires that BCPI file with the Board quarterly and annual reports on the progress of the initiatives included in the approved CDM Plan. The form of the report will be determined at a later date.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Brant County Power Inc. is granted interim approval of the Conservation and Demand Management Plan submitted for the Board's review in the application dated November 29, 2004. The approved budget is \$314,802.
2. Brant County Power Inc. implement monitoring, evaluation and reporting on its conservation and demand management plan.
3. Brant County Power Inc. file with the Board quarterly and annual reports on the progress of the initiatives within its conservation and demand management plan.

4. This interim order is effective as of December 23, 2004 until replaced by a final order.

DATED at Toronto, December 23, 2004.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original signed by*

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John Zych  
Board Secretary