



RP-2004-0203
EB-2004-0543

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF Application by Chapleau Public Utilities
Corporation under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for
approval of its Conservation and Demand Management Plan.

INTERIM ORDER

Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (Chapleau Public Utilities) filed an application dated December 9, 2004 with the Ontario Energy Board (the Board) for an interim order pre-approving its Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Plan. The Board assigned File No. RP-2004-0203/EB-2004-0543 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 Chapleau Public Utilities, received authorization to establish a deferral account.

The estimated budget for Chapleau Public Utilities' CDM plan consists of: \$15,000 for distribution system improvements; \$3,000 for energy savings information and promotional programs; \$3,000 for customer oriented conservation and demand management programs; and, \$25,000 for the examination and roll out of smart meters. The total estimated budget is \$46,000. Chapleau Public Utilities indicated in its application that the budget overage is due to estimating of costs and that the final budget will be \$43,807.

The Board finds that the activities and programs proposed by Chapleau Public Utilities qualify as conservation and demand management activities and that the planned investments are eligible for tracking in the deferral account. The third installment of Chapleau Public Utilities' incremental Market Adjusted Revenue Requirement (MARR) is about \$43,807. The total CDM budget proposed by Chapleau Public Utilities is \$43,807.

The Board, at this time, approves on an interim basis the expenditure of \$43,807 for implementation of the CDM Plan, which is consistent with the amount of the third installment of Chapleau Public Utilities' incremental MARR. The Board requires that Chapleau Public Utilities 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. Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation 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 \$43,807.
2. Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation implement monitoring, evaluation and reporting on its conservation and demand management plan.

3. Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation 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, 23 December 2004.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

John Zych
Board Secretary