



RP-2004-0203
EB-2004-0465

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

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

INTERIM ORDER

Coopérative Hydro Embrun Inc. (Hydro Embrun) filed an application dated October 4, 2004 with the Ontario Energy Board (the Board) to establish a deferral account to track costs of its conservation and demand management activities. At the same time Hydro Embrun applied for approval of its Conservation and Demand Management Plan (CDM Plan). On October 14, 2004, Hydro Embrun indicated to the Board that its application is an interim order application. The Board assigned File No. RP-2004-0203/EB-2004-0465 to this application.

The Minister of Energy by letters dated May 31, 2004 granted written approval to all distributors to apply to the Board for approval to establish deferral accounts 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 addresses the opening of deferral accounts; the recovery of development expenses; the process for applications for plan approval; and filing requirements for plan approval. Pursuant to the Procedural Order all utilities, including Hydro Embrun, have received authorization to establish a deferral account.

The budget for Hydro Embrun's CDM plan consists of \$ 11,482.85 which is entirely allocated to a line loss study and optimization of its distribution system. Pursuant to the Procedural Order all utilities, including Hydro Embrun, received prior approval to spend up to \$ 25,000 on research and development activities related to conservation and demand management.

The Board finds that the activities and programs proposed by Hydro Embrun qualify as conservation and demand management activities and that the planned investments are eligible for tracking in the deferral account. The third installment of Hydro Embrun's Market Adjusted Revenue Requirement (MARR) is \$ 11,482.85. The total CDM budget proposed by Hydro Embrun is \$ 11,482.85. The Board, at this time, approves the expenditure of \$ 11,482.85 for implementation of the CDM Plan, which is consistent with the amount of the third installment of Hydro Embrun's MARR.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Coopérative Hydro Embrun Inc. is granted an interim approval of the Conservation and Demand Management Plan submitted for the Board's review in the application dated October 4, 2004. The approved budget is \$ 11,482.85.
2. This interim order is effective as of October 19, 2004 until replaced by a final order.

DATED at Toronto, October 19, 2004

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

John Zych
Board Secretary