



RP-2004-0203  
EB-2004-0502

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Midland Power Utility Corporation seeking an order to make changes to its Conservation and Demand Management plan;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Midland Power Utility Corporation under section 21(4)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking to dispose of the proceeding without a hearing.

**BEFORE:** Gordon Kaiser  
Presiding Member and Vice Chair

Cathy Spoel  
Member

## DECISION AND ORDER

Midland Power Utility Corporation (“Midland PUC”) filed an application, dated June 8, 2006, for an order to approve changes to its Conservation and Demand Management (“CDM”) plan. Midland PUC has also requested, pursuant to subsection 21(4)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the “Act”) that the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) dispose of the proceeding without a hearing. The Board’s assigned file number is RP-2004-0203 / EB-2004-0502.

On February 8, 2005, Midland PUC was granted approval of its CDM plan. The total approved budget for Midland PUC’s CDM plan is \$234,433. As a condition of approval, Midland PUC was ordered to apply to the Board for approval if cumulative fund transfers among programs exceeded 20% of the approved budget.

Midland PUC is seeking approval to reallocate some of the funds originally allocated to its Renewable Energy Study and its Smart Meter / Pay As You Go ("Smart Metering") programs. Midland PUC indicated the proposed change is required since it is no longer seeking to implement the Renewable Energy Study and it has achieved significant cost savings in its Smart Metering program and the full amount allocated to the Smart Metering program is no longer required.

Midland PUC proposes that \$40,000 originally allocated to the Renewable Energy Study be reduced \$2,200. Further, Midland PUC proposed that the \$75,000 originally allocated to the Smart Metering program be reduced to \$25,000. As a result, Midland PUC has \$87,800 it would like to reallocate.

In a letter to the Board dated June 26, 2006, Midland PUC indicated that \$25,000 of the available funds was reallocated to a Light Bulb Giveaway program. This amount represented a reallocation of 10.7% of Midland PUC's approved budget and no Board approval was required. However, as a result of that transfer, Midland PUC does not have sufficient flexibility to reallocate the remaining \$62,800 within its CDM plan without Board approval.

With respect to the remaining \$62,800, Midland PUC is proposing to increase its Partnership and Sponsorship budget from \$15,000 to \$30,000 to support the construction of a wind turbine at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre. Midland PUC indicated that support of the wind turbine project would provide further education in renewable energy and the creation of a conservation culture.

Midland PUC is also proposing to increase its System Optimization budget from \$65,000 to \$112,800. Midland PUC indicated that the increased funding will allow it to implement system upgrades that are identified through system studies. In a letter dated July 14, 2006, Midland PUC indicated that it was working with a consultant to identify which upgrades fall within the scope of CDM criteria.

For clarity, the following table outlines the proposed budget changes.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Original Plan</b>	<b>Revised Plan</b>	<b>\$ Difference</b>
Customer Survey	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Conservation Website	\$ 6,100	\$ 6,100	\$ -
Education and Promotion	\$ 12,333	\$ 12,333	\$ -
<b>Partnership and Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.0</b>
<b>System Optimization</b>	<b>\$ 65,000</b>	<b>\$ 112,800</b>	<b>\$ 47,800.0</b>
<b>Renewable Energy Study</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,200</b>	<b>-\$ 37,800.0</b>
<b>Smart Meter / Pay As You Go</b>	<b>\$ 75,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>-\$ 50,000.0</b>
Signal / Street Light Efficiency	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Light Bulb Giveaway	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000.0
<b>Total Program Costs</b>	<b>\$ 234,433</b>	<b>\$ 234,433</b>	

Midland PUC has also requested the Board dispose of this matter without a hearing pursuant to section 21(4)(b) of the Act. Section 21(4)(b) of the Act states that the Board may dispose of a proceeding without a hearing if the Board determines that *“no person, other than the applicant, appellant or licence holder will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding and the applicant, appellant or licence holder has consented to disposing of a proceeding without a hearing.”*

Midland PUC issued public notice of its original CDM application (RP-2004-0203 / EB-2004-0502) as directed by the Board. There were no intervenors in the application. Based on the evidence filed, and in consideration of the level of participant involvement in the original proceeding, the Board finds that no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this proceeding, and therefore finds that a hearing is not necessary.

The Board finds that the activities proposed by Midland PUC qualify as CDM activities.

The Board approves the re-allocation of funds as proposed by Midland PUC.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Midland Power Utility Corporation is granted approval to re-allocate \$62,800 previously allocated to the Renewable Energy Study and the Smart Metering / Pay As You Go programs as set out in this Decision.

**DATED** at Toronto, Aug 2, 2006.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary