



EB-2006-0350

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 Ottawa River Power Corporation seeking an order to make changes to its Conservation and Demand Management plan;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Ottawa River Power 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

Ottawa River Power Corporation (“Ottawa River”) filed an application, dated December 14, 2006, for an order to approve changes to its Conservation and Demand Management (“CDM”) plan. The Board’s assigned file number is EB-2006-0212.

On March 18, 2005, Ottawa River was granted approval of its CDM plan. The total approved budget for Ottawa River’s CDM plan is \$296,000. As a condition of approval, Ottawa River was ordered to apply to the Board for approval if cumulative fund transfers among programs exceeded 20% of the approved budget.

Ottawa River is seeking approval to amend their CDM plan by re-designating \$142,000 from a Load Management Project to a Smart Meter Pilot Project. The Pilot Project

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would consist of the installation of 500 residential and 50 general service meters and related communication and collection equipment within the service area in 2007.

Ottawa River 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.*”

Ottawa River issued public notice of its original CDM application (RP-2004-0203 / EB-2004-0435) 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 Ottawa River qualify as CDM activities.

The Board approves the re-allocation of funds as proposed by Ottawa River.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Ottawa River Power Corporation is granted approval to re-allocate \$142,000 previously allocated to the Load Management Program as set out in this Decision.

DATED at Toronto, February 6, 2007.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter O'Dell
Assistant Board Secretary