



**RP-2004-0203**  
**EB-2004-0518**

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

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

### **INTERIM ORDER**

Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. (Sioux Lookout Hydro) filed an application dated November 29, 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-2004-0518 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 Sioux Lookout Hydro, received authorization to establish a deferral account.

The budget for Sioux Lookout Hydro's CDM plan consists of: \$26,068 for various projects to reduce line losses; \$12,379 for the installation of energy efficient lighting; and \$5,000 for an information program on energy management. The total proposed budget is \$43,447.

The Board finds that the activities and programs proposed by Sioux Lookout Hydro qualify as conservation and demand management activities and that the planned investments are eligible for tracking in the deferral account. The third installment of Sioux Lookout Hydro's incremental Market Adjusted Revenue Requirement (MARR) is about \$43,447. The total CDM budget proposed by Sioux Lookout Hydro is \$43,447.

The Board, at this time, approves on an interim basis the expenditure of \$43,447 for implementation of the CDM Plan, which is consistent with the amount of the third installment of Sioux Lookout Hydro's incremental MARR. The Board requires that Sioux Lookout Hydro 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. Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. is granted an 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 \$43,447.
2. Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. implement monitoring, evaluation and reporting on its conservation and demand management plan.
3. Sioux Lookout Hydro 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, 23 December 2004.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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John Zych  
Board Secretary