



EB-2007-0898

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 St. Thomas Energy Inc. seeking a decision and order to make changes to its Conservation and Demand Management plan;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by St. Thomas Energy Inc. 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

St. Thomas Energy Inc. ("STEI" or the "Applicant") filed an application, dated October 24, 2007 for a decision and order seeking an extension of spending approved funds in relation to incremental third tranche spending of its approved Conservation and Demand Management ("CDM") plan. STEI 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 assigned file number EB-2007-0898 to this application.

On February 8, 2005, STEI was granted approval of its CDM plan (RP-2004-0203/EB-2004-0502). The total approved budget for STEI's CDM plan is \$204,000.

STEI seeks an extension of the completion date for incremental third tranche CDM expenditures from September 30, 2007 to December 31, 2008 due to resource and uptake issues.

STEI seeks to reallocate a total of \$109,000 from various programs within its approved CDM plan.

STEI seeks to reallocate \$60,000 into its Sponsorships and Partnerships Program. STEI has built a partnership with other LDCs and local schools to provide Conservation Kits to its residential customers and be part of its Earth Day Campaign.

STEI has also requested approval of a \$39,000 reallocation of funds into its program to Provide Customers with Energy Tools. This is targeted towards industrial and commercial customers as interval meters have already been set up on site, and now the remaining funds are to target the utilization of the data from these meters.

The final reallocation of approved funds STEI seeks is \$10,000 into its System Optimization Program. This is to allow STEI staff the necessary tools and training in order to better utilize their existing system.

STEI has also requested that 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."*

The Board approves the deadline extension to complete CDM activities to December 31, 2008 and the reallocation of funds to its Sponsorship and Partnerships Program, Industrial and Commercial Customer Energy Tools Program, and its System Optimization Program as proposed by STEI.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. St. Thomas Energy Inc. is granted an extension to the completion date of third tranche CDM activities to December 31, 2008.
2. St. Thomas Energy Inc. is approved to transfer funds totaling \$60,000 into its Sponsorships and Partnerships Program.
3. St. Thomas Energy Inc. is approved to transfer funds totaling \$39,000 into its program to Provide Customers with Energy Tools.

4. St. Thomas Energy Inc. is approved to transfer funds totaling \$10,000 into its System Optimization Program.

DATED at Toronto, November 19, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary