



EB-2007-0790

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 Guelph Hydro Electricity Systems Inc. seeking a decision and order to make changes to its Conservation and Demand Management plan;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Guelph Hydro Electricity Systems 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

Guelph Hydro Electricity Systems Inc. ("GHESI" or the "Applicant") filed an application, dated September 28, 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. GHESI 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-2007-0790 to this application.

On March 3, 2005, GHESI was granted approval of its CDM plan (RP-2004-0203/EB-2005-0203). The total approved budget for GHESI's CDM plan is \$1,156,560.

GHESI seeks an extension of the completion date for incremental third tranche CDM expenditures from September 30, 2007 to June 1, 2008 due to resource issues.

GHESI also seeks to reallocate a total of \$400,000 from various programs within its approved CDM plan. GHESI seeks to reallocate \$135,000 from its Low Income Programs due to less than anticipated participation to its Community Energy Benchmarking project and its Earthday Action Campaign with the balance addressing its Portfolio Administration and Delivery Costs.

GHESI also seeks to reallocate a total of \$114,000 to finance its Portfolio Administration and Delivery program from various sources: its Load Control Program, Residential Energy Efficiency Program, University of Guelph Energy Efficiency Upgrades, City Leadership: Water Treatment Program, and its Technology and Research efforts.

GHESI also seeks to reallocate a total of \$101,054 from its Builder Partnerships Initiative to expand its Distributed Energy Program budget up to \$232,554, to incent a single larger-scale project in the form of a 500 kW natural gas fired stand-by generator at GHESI's service centre.

The final reallocation sought by GHESI is an increase of \$50,000 towards its City Leadership: Wastewater Treatment Program. GHESI seeks to reallocate the \$50,000 from its City Leadership: LED Lighting program in order to provide an incentive to the City of Guelph for the installation of a cogeneration facility at their Wastewater treatment plant.

GHESI 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 June 1, 2008 and the reallocation of funds to its Community Energy Benchmarking project, Earthday Action Campaign, Portfolio Administration and Delivery program, its Distributed Energy Program and its City Leadership: Wastewater Treatment initiative as proposed by GHESI.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Guelph Hydro Electricity System Inc. is granted an extension to the completion date of third tranche CDM activities to June 1, 2008.
2. Guelph Hydro Electricity Systems Inc. is approved to transfer funds totaling \$135,000 from its Low Income Programs to its Community Energy Benchmarking Project, Earthday Action Campaign and Portfolio Administration and Delivery Costs.
3. Guelph Hydro Electricity Systems Inc. is approved to transfer funds totaling \$114,000 to finance its Portfolio Administration and Delivery program from its Load Control Program, Residential Energy Efficiency Program, University of Guelph Energy Efficiency Upgrades, City Leadership: Water Treatment Program, and its Technology and Research efforts.

4. Guelph Hydro Electricity Systems Inc. is approved to transfer funds totaling \$101,054 to its Distributed Energy Program from its Builder Partnerships Initiative.

5. Guelph Hydro Electricity Systems Inc. is approved to transfer funds totaling \$50,000 to its City Leadership: Wastewater Treatment Program from its City Leadership: LED Lighting Program.

DATED at Toronto, October 31, 2007

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Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary