



EB-2007-0712

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 Veridian Connections seeking a decision and order to make changes to its Conservation and Demand Management plan;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Veridian Connections 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

Veridian Connections (“Veridian” or the “Applicant”) filed an application, dated August 3, 2007 for a decision and order seeking an extension and reallocation of funds in relation to incremental third tranche spending of its approved Conservation and Demand Management (“CDM”) plan. Veridian 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-2007-0712 to this application.

On February 3, 2005, Veridian was granted approval of its CDM plan. The total approved budget for Veridian’s CDM plan is \$3,500,000.

Veridian seeks an extension of the completion date for incremental third tranche CDM expenditures (RP-2004-0203/EB-2004-0484) from September 30, 2007 to September 30, 2008 due to various timeline constraints.

Veridian also seeks approval to reallocate CDM funds between various previously approved programs in the amount of \$973,000. Veridian seeks to reduce its Smart Meter Program budget by \$770,000 due to legislated restrictions on its ability to fully execute their Smart Meter Deployment Plan for general service customers. Veridian also seeks to reduce its Leveraging Energy Conservation/Load Management Program by \$203,000 due to limited customer response to the program.

To offset these program budget reductions Veridian seeks to increase its Peak Shaving Generator at the Scugog Municipal Building to accommodate the higher than expected actual costs to complete this program by \$17,000. The Applicant also seeks to increase the Load Displacement Program by \$79,000 to accommodate actual spending commitments associated with a very successful demand response incentive program. Veridian also has requested approval to increase its Residential and Small Commercial Co-branded Mass Market Program budget by \$267,000. Veridian wishes to use the remaining funds, a total of \$610,000, to its Distribution Loss Reduction Program as it has been highly successful to date and Veridian is seeking to continue investing in these opportunities.

Veridian has 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.”*

Veridian issued public notice of its original CDM application (RP-2004-0203/EB-2004-0484) as directed by the Board. There were no intervenors in the application.

The Board approves the deadline extension to complete CDM activities to September 30, 2008 as proposed by Veridian. The Board also approves the reallocation of funds in the amount of \$770,000 deducted from the Smart Meter Program and \$203,000 deducted from the Leveraging Energy Conservation/Load Management Program.

The Board approves the reallocation of funds in the amount of \$17,000 to the Peak Shaving Generator at the Scugog Municipal Building, \$79,000 for the Load Displacement Program, \$267,000 for the Residential and Small Commercial Co-branded Mass Market Program and \$610,000 to its Distribution Loss Reduction Program.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Verdian Connections is granted an extension to the completion date of third tranche CDM activities to September 30, 2008.
2. Verdian Connections is granted approval to reallocate funds totaling \$973,000. Veridian is granted approval to reallocate funds in the amount of \$770,000 deducted from the Smart Meter Program and \$203,000 deducted from the Leveraging Energy Conservation/Load Management Program to offset increases in the amount of \$17,000 to the Peak Shaving Generator at the Scugog Municipal Building, \$79,000 for the Load Displacement Program, \$267,000 for the Residential and Small Commercial Co-branded Mass Market Program and \$610,000 to its Distribution Loss Reduction Program.

DATED at Toronto, September 12, 2007.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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