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**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor P. O. Box 2319 Toronto, Ont. M4P 1E4 Attention: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. – OEB License ED-2003-0003 2008 Rate Application

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a status report on our 2008 Rates application, and to request an Ontario Energy Board assigned file number that we should use for the 2008 rate application.

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. has been working diligently with our consultant Elenchus Research Associates (ERA) to complete and file our 2008 rate application. As you were advised in your recent meeting with ERA, most of the LDCs filing for 2008 rates will not be able to complete their filings by August 15<sup>th</sup> due to challenges with the ERA model.

We are committed to filing a 2008 rate application that is not only compliant with the Board's minimum filing requirements, but also provides clear and complete evidence in support of our application. Shortcomings in our filing will create problems for Board staff as well as for us and our stakeholders.

We have carefully reviewed the status of our work to date and the timelines for completing our filing. As a result of this review, we wish to advise you that we are working towards a target date of September 28<sup>th</sup> for our filing.

We regret any inconvenience that may result from this delay, but we are confident that it is in the interest of everyone concerned to take the extra few weeks to complete a filing that can be processed with the minimum of effort.

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Please advise us by return, what number you have assigned to our pending submission.

Sincerely,

Allan Beckstead

Chief Financial Officer