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Mr. Peter H. O'Dell
Acting Board Secretary
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Dear Mr. O'Dell:

Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc. (license # ED-2002-0534 formerly license # ED-1999-0228) would like to submit the attached with regard to the request for comments concerning the OEB's June 16th, 2004 letter re the "process for establishing 2006 electricity distribution rates". The attachment with the OEB's letter listed a number of potential issues put forward by OEB staff regarding the rate process. We have commented on those issues raised by the OEB staff plus we have added additional issues that we feel need to be investigated. Any comments and suggestions we have made are intended to be the basis for discussion. They are not intended to be definitive answers at this point in the process.

If further information is required please contact our Stephen Perry at 705-722-7244 ext 278 or email sperry@barriehydro.com. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

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