



Ontario Energy Board PBR Phase II

2004 Pre-consultation Meeting to Establish 2006 Electricity Distribution Rates in Ontario

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Background

- Canadian Cable Television Association (CCTA) is the industry association that speaks on behalf of its members about issues affecting the cable television industry
- CCTA represents 22 cable companies serving 2.9 million customers in Ontario
- Vast majority of cable customers in Ontario are customers of CCTA members
- Cable television networks in Ontario are built to approximately the same technical standards
- Cable networks generally use 60 volt power supplies to provide electricity to the active components of the network
- There are about 20,000 power supply units deployed in the cable networks serving Ontario – the vast majority are un-metered and scattered throughout LDC service areas (a few minor exceptions)



Issue #30: Un-metered Scattered Load

- The CCTA submits that the new rate structure should include a separate and distinct rate category for Un-metered Scattered Loads
 - Currently power supplies are treated differently by different distributors – and the means of assessing volumetric consumption is often not based on a realistic estimate of consumption
 - A distinct rate category would help ensure that the methodology for determining volumetric consumption is an accurate estimate and is applied equally across the province
 - CCTA proposes that the volumetric charges to un-metered scattered loads be based on a formula that is a fair & reasonable estimate of actual consumption – positive for both the LDC and the cable providers
 - CCTA is willing to work cooperatively with the LDCs to develop a methodology for determining consumption and an appropriate means of verifying the accuracy of the estimates



Issue #29: Specific Service Charges

- The CCTA submits that the Specific Service Charges applicable to Un-metered Scattered Loads should reflect the uniqueness of the load
 - Cable television power supplies operate on a consistent flat load basis 24 hours per day, 7 days per week regardless of the number of cable customers using any of the services
 - Service charges should be unbundled so that those in the Un-metered Scattered Load Rate Class do not pay for services which are neither required nor received (e.g.: metering)
 - The 20,000 power supply units operated by each of the 22 CCTA members in Ontario should be treated as one customer per LDC, not 20,000 separate customers
 - Summary billing by each LDC would reduce administrative burden on both the LDC and the CCTA member