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# Canadian Niagara Power decreases electricity rates for Fort Erie's Residential Customers

**April 23, 2008 (Fort Erie, Ontario)** --- There's good news for Canadian Niagara Power's residential customers in Fort Erie.

CNP announced this week that its residential customers in Fort Erie will see an overall decrease in their hydro bill of approximately 1.76% effective May 1, 2008. As a result, an average residential customer using 1,000 kWh will realize savings of approximately \$1.93 on their May hydro bill compared to last month's invoice. This reduction is the net effect of a decrease in overall Delivery Charges and a change in the cost of power threshold.

Residential customers will notice a decrease in the Delivery Charges line on their monthly hydro bill. The reduction is related to a number of factors. Electricity transmission rates have decreased and market opening transition costs have now been fully recovered. Distribution rates did increase nominally to reflect a small adjustment in the cost of living. The rate adjustments were approved by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) which regulates the electricity industry in Ontario.

The OEB announced that the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) tiered prices will remain at 5.0 cents per kilowatt hour up to a certain amount each month and 5.9 cents per kilowatt hour above that. These prices are the same as those that went into effect in November 2007. The amount of electricity residential customers can use at the lower price will change for the summer period from 1,000 kilowatt hours to 600 kilowatt hours. This is factored into the overall bill impact.

"We are pleased to be announcing a rate decrease to our customers. We recognize how important any savings can be to help relieve the pressure on the monthly household budget of our residential customers," said Bill Daley, President and CEO of Canadian Niagara Power. "I also think it's important to re-affirm the message to our customers that they can lower their electricity costs even further by practicing energy conservation. This includes changing to energy efficient lighting, installing programmable thermostats, weather-stripping doors and windows, and taking advantage of the energy conservation programs offered by CNP in conjunction with the Ontario Power Authority."

"At the same time, at CNP we remain committed to the safe and efficient operations of our distribution systems. Canadian Niagara Power continues to focus on investing in and managing its electrical system to improve reliability and delivery of electricity while maintaining affordable distribution rates for our customer," Daley added.

Canadian Niagara Power, headquartered in Fort Erie, is a wholly owned subsidiary of FortisOntario Inc. FortisOntario has operations in electricity distribution and transmission. The Company serves approximately 52,000 customers primarily located in Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Cornwall and Gananoque, Ontario and meets a peak demand of 256 MW. FortisOntario is 100% owned by Fortis Inc. of St. John's, Newfoundland. For more information on Canadian Niagara Power, please visit the corporate website at [www.fortisontario.com](http://www.fortisontario.com).

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