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Media Release

Province Removes Power Advisory

“The Need to Conserve Continues”

Hamilton/St. Catharines (July 21, 2005) --- The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has lifted the power advisory issued earlier this week requesting Ontarians to reduce electricity consumption to offset the high peak demand and resulting spike in the cost of electricity throughout the Province.

The greater demand for energy during hot weather, particularly from air conditioners, puts sustained pressure on the provincial grid. Prolonged heat waves strain the local electricity distribution systems because ambient air temperatures do not cool transformers and cables sufficiently. This can lead to localized service interruptions.

“It is reassuring that the power advisory has been lifted,” said Art Leitch, CEO of Horizon Utilities Corporation. “However it is important that consumers continue to reduce their electricity consumption and build sustainable behaviours that will benefit them as the price of electricity continues to increase and there continues to be a strain on the power supply system.”

powerWISE™ energy saving tips - If you have air conditioning and no one is home during the day, turn air conditioning off until you return or set the temperature higher (26° C). Close your blinds or curtains to keep the hot sun out and the cooler air contained. Look for other ways to conserve energy such as the turning lights off in rooms not in use and cooking with a microwave.

Horizon Utilities Corporation continues to expand its conservation activities under the powerWISE™ Alliance with Enersource Hydro Mississauga, Hydro Ottawa, PowerStream, Toronto Hydro and Veridian Connections with 1.65MM combined customer base. The powerWISE™ Alliance is committed to the goal of reducing demand, creating a culture of conservation in Ontario and achieving the government's smart metering objectives.

For more information on these joint activities visit and conservation tips visit www.powerwise.ca.

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