

Labour Disruption at Horizon Utilities
Emergency Services and Administrative Functions Will be Maintained

Hamilton/St. Catharines (June 16, 2008) --- Horizon Utilities Corporation reports the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 636, representing 274 employees of Horizon Utilities Corporation, will be on strike as of 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17.

The collective agreement for members of IBEW Local 636 expired on May 31, 2008. The legal strike deadline was set for 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17. A mediator was appointed when the agreement expired and has been working with both sides to negotiate a settlement.

Salaried staff will be at work on Tuesday morning and will be doing everything they can to minimize any impact to customers.

“As always, the company’s number one priority is employee and public safety,” said Sandy Manners, Director of Corporate Communications for Horizon Utilities Corporation. “The Company will be focusing on addressing emergencies and power outages. Our network control centre will remain open and any power failures will be dealt with as quickly as possible.”

In the event of a power outage, customers should call the company’s 24-hour hotline:

Hamilton – 905-522-6611

St. Catharines – 905-684-8111

In the event of downed power lines or other emergency situations, customers should call 911.

“Our response time may be somewhat longer than usual,” said Manners, “and we are asking for the public’s patience. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. The company will continue to respond to customer inquiries, send out bills and collect payments during the labour disruption.”

Customers are encouraged to contact the company by email at: info@horizonutilities.com or visit the company website at www.horizonutilities.com.

Horizon Utilities Corporation is one of the largest municipally owned electricity distribution companies in Ontario and provides electricity and related utility services to approximately 233,000 residential and commercial customers in Hamilton and St. Catharines. The company is owned by Horizon Holdings Inc. and operates out of facilities in Hamilton, St. Catharines, and Stoney Creek.

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