



## Media Release

### **Horizon Utilities Unionized Employees Return to Work**

Hamilton/St. Catharines (July 4, 2008) --- Horizon Utilities Corporation is pleased to announce that the Company and members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 636 have successfully negotiated a new, three-year collective agreement.

“Horizon Utilities is committed to the collective bargaining process,” said Max Cananzi, President and CEO of Horizon Utilities. “Both parties worked hard to negotiate a reasonable settlement that reflects an appropriate balance between the needs of the workforce, customer rates, and sustained performance of the business for our shareholders.”

Details of the new contract are not yet available.

The first shift of employees will be back at work starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 5, with normal operations resuming on Monday morning.

“We apologize for any inconveniences customers may have suffered during this labour disruption and look forward to returning to full service by Monday,” says Cananzi.

The 274 employees covered by the contract work at Horizon Utilities locations in Hamilton and St. Catharines.

Horizon Utilities Corporation is one of the largest municipally owned electricity distribution companies in Ontario, providing electricity and related utility services to over 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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