



Media Release

Horizon Utilities Says *Count Me In!* for Ontario's Second Province-Wide Energy Conservation Week

Helping Hamilton and St. Catharines Conserve Electricity at Home, Work and School

HAMILTON / ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO, May 13, 2009 – Horizon Utilities Corporation is asking residents to pledge to take action to conserve energy, save money and help the environment during Ontario's second province-wide Energy Conservation Week from May 17 to 23.

This year's theme for Energy Conservation Week is **Count Me In!** This province-wide grassroots campaign is designed to inspire Ontarians to make conscious decisions to conserve energy. Using an online pledge system at www.energyconservationweek.ca, Ontarians will be encouraged to pledge to conserve energy at home, work and school by choosing from a list of 100 simple, effective energy saving ideas.

"The **Count Me In!** website contains a list of 100 ways to save energy and is a real eye-opener," said Max Cananzi, President and CEO of Horizon Utilities Corporation. "We believe the **Count Me In!** campaign will provide Horizon Utilities' customers with some new ideas for simple and effective actions they can take to conserve energy and save money."

Horizon Utilities' enthusiastic **Count Me In!** team will be promoting energy-saving programs and signing people up this weekend at:

Count Me In! Event
Rona – 52 Dundas Street East, Waterdown
Sunday, May 17 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Horizon Utilities will also be setting an example during Energy Conservation Week and challenging other businesses to follow suit by turning up the thermostats in all its facilities by two degrees Celsius to conserve energy. Employees will be dressing casually to keep cool. "Offices should never be so over-air-conditioned that you feel you need to wear long sleeves or a jacket," noted Cananzi.

The company will also be visiting schools and businesses during Energy Conservation Week to emphasize the importance of conserving energy. "By making conscious changes in our everyday lives, at home, at school or at work, we can help to build a culture of energy conservation across Ontario," continued Cananzi. "It's time to take action and commit to making changes that will not only conserve energy, but save money and help the environment in the long run."

About Horizon Utilities Corporation

Horizon Utilities Corporation is one the largest municipally owned electricity distribution companies in Ontario, delivering electricity and related utility services to more than 230,000 residential and commercial customers in Hamilton and St. Catharines. The company is committed to providing best value to its customers through the delivery of a safe and reliable supply of electricity in a cost-effective manner. For more information, visit: www.horizonutilities.com.

About Energy Conservation Week

Energy Conservation Week 2009 is a province-wide initiative that will feature a variety of conservation events in cities and towns across the province. Energy Conservation Week is the focal point of a four-month campaign that starts with a launch in April and ends with a province-wide community challenge day on August 14. The primary objectives are to raise awareness and encourage broad participation in energy conservation across Ontario.

Energy Conservation Week is coordinated, in partnership, by the Ontario Power Authority, the Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, the Independent Electricity System Operator, the Electricity Distributors Association, Hydro One, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the City of Toronto and local distribution companies including Horizon Utilities Corporation.

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