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**SIX ONTARIO UTILITIES TAKE 527 MILLION KWHS OFF THE GRID
SINCE 2005**

Conservation efforts save enough to power 58,546 homes for one year

TORONTO (Canada), May 29, 2008 – For the third year, six of Ontario’s largest electricity distributors, collectively known as the Coalition of Large Distributors (CLD), are pleased to report their Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) progress.

This year’s report, titled “*Leadership Action Results*” is a CDM retrospective on the 2005 – 2007 time period, providing an overview of both the joint and individual efforts made by the six utilities. Three years ago the CLD set out to design and deliver a comprehensive portfolio of CDM activities as part of its Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approved third tranche programs. Since that time the CLD has invested more than \$72 million to help build a culture of energy conservation in Ontario.

CLD CDM accomplishments over the three-year period include 114 megawatts in peak demand reduction and more than 527 million kilowatt-hours of electricity saved, enough power to supply more than 58,546 homes for one year. This resulted in considerable savings for customers and significant associated reductions in greenhouse gases.

The CLD has worked cooperatively with other utilities and agencies making the most of its collective resources, sharing expertise and learning from each other. Programs that were first developed by the CLD including **peaksaver**[®], a refrigerator recycling program, Summer Challenge and the powerWISE[®] Business Incentive Program are now available province-wide.

The success of the CDM activities over the last three years is reflected in the following highlights:

- 15,579 fridges and freezers were retired
- 18,168 energy-guzzling air conditioners were removed from service
- 35,258 **peaksaver**[®] residential load control devices were installed
- 133,388 seasonal incandescent light strings were retired from service
- 992,230 retail coupons were redeemed
- 2.5 million compact fluorescent bulbs were provided through mass market programs

“It is particularly fitting that we are releasing our report during Energy Conservation Week and on Count Every Kilowatt Day. Through our successful CDM programs, we’re putting the tools in our customers hands, and providing them with information so they can take action, reduce the demand on our electricity system, and make every kilowatt count,” said



David O'Brien, President and Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Hydro Corporation. "The results show that our customers are taking action, making changes, and embracing the culture of conservation. CDM is part of Ontario's future. We're proud of the accomplishments to date and we're excited about the future of conservation in Ontario."

The Coalition of Large Distributors, which consists of Enersource Hydro Mississauga, Horizon Utilities, Hydro Ottawa, PowerStream, Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited and Veridian Connections, provides electricity for 40 per cent of Ontario's electricity customers. Their goal is to continue to develop, incubate, pilot and fully implement conservation and demand management programs that support the Government of Ontario's plans to reduce peak electricity demand in the province of 6,300 MW by 2025.

Leadership Action Results: CDM retrospective Report 2005 – 2007 can be downloaded from the following websites:

Enersource Hydro Mississauga	www.enersource.com
Horizon Utilities Corporation	www.horizonutilities.com
Hydro Ottawa	www.hydroottawa.com
PowerStream	www.powerstream.ca
Toronto Hydro-Electric System	www.torontohydro.com
Veridian Connections Inc.	www.veridian.on.ca
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