

Horizon Utilities partnership with National Steel Car saves more than 2 million kWh per year

(HAMILTON/ST. CATHARINES, ON) June 23, 2015 – Horizon Utilities Corporation is pleased to recognize the efforts of National Steel Car (the only producer of railroad cars in Canada) for saving an estimated 2,192,400 kWh per year through a \$247,000 saveONenergy^{OM} Retrofit incentive.

Horizon Utilities' conservation and demand management teams worked with National Steel Car to assist in finding greater efficiencies. The company uses a compressed air system for pneumatic controls, tools, hoists and painting applications running continuously at full speed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The result was the installation of a 350 horsepower trim compressor with variable speed drive and automatic adjustments – dramatically reducing the company's energy consumption. Compressors are now shut down when air demand is not high, allowing the entire system to operate with greater efficiency and reduce energy demand by approximately 261 kW.

"Horizon Utilities is proud to support our local businesses with energy conservation opportunities available through IESO saveONenergy incentives," said Eileen Campbell, Vice President of Customer Services at Horizon Utilities. "Our customers agree it makes good business sense to use the expertise and incentives offered to reduce energy use and save money for their companies."

"National Steel Car is pleased to participate in the incentive and energy saving program supported by Horizon Utilities," said Lorraine Johnson, Chief Operating Officer of National Steel Car. "This program has enabled National Steel Car to reduce its carbon footprint and lower its ongoing operating expenses. In addition, the program provides rebates which we are re-investing in additional state-of-the-art equipment."

For more information on the conservation and demand management programs available at Horizon Utilities, please visit horizonutilities.com/Conservation.

About Horizon Utilities Corporation

Horizon Utilities Corporation is proud to be Canada's first *Sustainable Electricity Company™*, a designation of the Canadian Electricity Association. The company, which provides electricity and related utility services to 242,000 customers in Hamilton and St. Catharines, is one of the largest municipally owned electricity distribution companies in Ontario. In addition to triple bottom line reporting on its own operations, the company leverages its assets and resources to contribute to the sustainability of its communities. This includes conservation implementation through energy mapping and a customer connection policy that follows smart growth principles. Horizon Utilities' employees are committed to delivering a safe and reliable supply of electricity, providing unparalleled customer value, and helping to create a culture of energy conservation in Ontario. The company has been named a Top 10 Employer in Hamilton-Niagara four years running. Learn more at horizonutilities.com or follow @HorizonLink.

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