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**OAKVILLE HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC. MAKES SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION TO
PROVINCE-WIDE APPLIANCE REMOVAL PROGRAM, ELECTRICITY CONSERVATION**

Oakville, Ontario, January 23, 2008 – Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. collected 362 appliances against the 2007 provincial goal of retrieving 47,500 energy-wasting refrigerators, freezers, and room air conditioners in the Great Refrigerator Roundup. The free province-wide program recently surpassed the 50,000-unit milestone.

Organized by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) to remove old, inefficient appliances, the Great Refrigerator Roundup started in June, and was only available across Ontario at the end of August; it exceeded its first-year target on December 11th. With participation by Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. and more than 70 other local electricity distribution companies (LDCs), the program heads into year two with the promise of adding to the estimated 11 megawatts already saved for the Ontario power system. One of the largest programs of its type in North America, the Great Refrigerator Roundup removes appliances that are at least 10 years old – at no cost to the participant. Not only are the energy savings permanent, but it's estimated that for every 10 fridges removed, one typical Ontario home can be powered for one year.

“We are very proud of the contribution the residents of the Town of Oakville made towards achieving the Province’s goal in this program. The conservation impact of our customers translates into enough energy to power approximately 600 average homes in Oakville for a month. We anticipate even greater results as the program continues in 2008,” says Lesley Gallinger OHEDI Vice President of Finance and Administration.

“We are delighted by the response of Ontarians to the program and encourage them to continue their support,” says OPA Vice President Conservation Programs and Sector

Development Paul Shervill. “Virtually all residential customers had access to the program and their rating of it was overwhelmingly positive. Much of the credit belongs to the participating LDCs, which have ensured we are well-positioned to save more electricity in 2008,” he adds.

“I’ve called on everyone to think, believe and act when it comes to conservation,” says Ontario’s Chief Energy Conservation Officer Peter Love. “The Great Refrigerator Roundup shows Ontarians are prepared to act when given an effective opportunity to conserve electricity.”

Refrigerator, freezer and window air conditioning technologies have dramatically improved over the past 20 years. A typical fridge built in 1986 uses 1,500 kWh, costing \$180 per year, while a new ENERGY STAR® rated fridge will use approximately one-third less electricity. Old, inefficient appliances add strain to Ontario’s power system. All reusable metal and plastic from units retrieved by the Great Refrigerator Roundup is recycled, with the bare minimum remaining going to landfill. Chemicals that are significant atmospheric pollutants and responsible for ozone depletion and global warming are destroyed in accordance with all government standards and regulations. Fully, 98.6 percent of each unit collected is recycled and the appliance is permanently decommissioned.

Ontario’s increasing demand for electricity can and must be met more wisely to save money and reduce the impact on the environment. That is why conservation is the cornerstone of the Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP) that the OPA submitted for review by the Ontario Energy Board in November. The IPSP proposes that the province spend \$10 billion on conservation to the year 2025.

Ontarians interested in participating in the Great Refrigerator Roundup can get complete details from the OPA’s Every Kilowatt Counts (EKC) website: www.everykilowattcounts.ca.

Appointments for appliance pick-ups can be made either online or toll-free at 1-877-797-9473. The Great Refrigerator Roundup is one of 18 conservation programs introduced by the OPA to enable Ontario to save 1,350 MW by 2010 and 6,300 MW by 2025; the organization expects to have 27 programs running in 2008.

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc., regulated by the Ontario Energy Board, is the electricity distribution company for Oakville. Using a sophisticated network of remotely switched



power lines of approximately 1,400 km, OHEDI has reliably delivered energy to homes and businesses for over a century. OHEDI offers customer service to developers and consumers, as well as designs, builds and maintains Oakville's state-of-the-art power distribution system.

The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and the Chief Energy Conservation Officer (CECO) were established by *The Electricity Restructuring Act, 2004* to plan Ontario's new power system, to acquire new sources of power, and to promote a culture of conservation throughout the province. The OPA began operations in 2005.

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