

## IMO Schedules Voltage Reduction Test

Toronto, July 16, 2004... The Independent Electricity Market Operator (IMO) will be conducting routine voltage reduction tests on Tuesday, July 20, 2004 as part of the IMO's ongoing commitment to ensure reliability of the electricity system.

The IMO will work closely with transmitters, local distribution companies and large customers to implement a three per cent and a five per cent voltage reduction on July 20 across the province.

"Voltage reduction is an emergency operating measure that the IMO can employ in order to protect the reliability of the power system or avoid power outages. Periodic testing is required to ensure its effectiveness," said Paul Murphy, Chief Operating Officer of the IMO. "Three per cent and five per cent voltage reductions have been performed on the system a number of times in the past and very few, if any, electricity consumers will even notice that the tests are occurring," said Murphy.

The first test involving a three per cent reduction in voltage will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT. The five per cent reduction in voltage will occur from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EDT.

The following local distribution companies will be participating in the test. If consumers have any questions they should contact their local distribution company.

Market Participants participating in the test are:

Cambridge And North Dumfries Hydro Inc.  
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.  
Enwin Powerlines Ltd.  
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.  
Hydro One Networks Inc.  
Hydro Ottawa  
Powerstream Inc. (formerly Hydro Vaughan Distribution Inc., Markham Hydro Distribution Inc. and Richmond Hill Hydro Inc.)  
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited  
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.

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