

Eastern Ontario Power



Media Release

Gananoque residents continue to achieve significant savings through energy conservation programs

Eastern Ontario Power congratulates customers for ongoing response to calls to conserve energy

April 7, 2009 --- Residential customers in Gananoque continue to support the call to reduce their electricity use and lower their energy costs under conservation programs offered by Eastern Ontario Power ("EOP").

The final results from EOP's 2008 energy conservation programs have now been calculated and show that the electricity saved by its residential customers under two programs offered in cooperation with the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) would power almost 100 average homes for a month.

The energy conservation programs offered by EOP in 2008 included the Every Kilowatt Counts Summer Sweepstakes and the Great Refrigerator Roundup.

The Summer Sweepstakes challenged residential customers to reduce their consumption by at least 10% compared to the summer of 2007. Customers who registered for the program and achieved the 10% savings were entered into a draw for energy conservation items such as Energy-star rated refrigerators, dishwashers and mountain bikes. Approximately 55 customers in Gananoque participated in the program, with 17 customers achieving the 10% goal.

"Once again our customers should be congratulated for the efforts they have made to reduce their energy usage. The significant reductions they continue to accomplish help to lower the demand for electricity during peak periods of the year and reduce energy costs, now and in the future," said Bill Daley, President and CEO of FortisOntario Inc.

Under the "Great Refrigerator Roundup" Program, another joint initiative with the OPA, EOP customers disposed of 102 old, energy inefficient refrigerators, freezers and/or window air conditioners in an environmentally friendly manner.

"I encourage everyone who is conserving energy to continue their efforts. Saving energy not only saves money on the family budget but it's important to the environment," added Daley. "If anyone is looking for ways to save electricity, please visit our website at www.fortisontario.com.

FortisOntario is headquartered in Fort Erie, has operations in electricity distribution and transmission and serves approximately 52,000 customers primarily located in Fort, Erie, Port Colborne, Cornwall and Gananoque, Ontario and meets a peak demand of 256 MW. FortisOntario is 100% owned by Fortis Inc. of St. John's, Newfoundland. For more information on FortisOntario, please visit the corporate website at www.fortisontario.com.

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