



## Media Release

### **FortisOntario, Canadian Niagara Power and Cornwall Electric First Ontario Electrical Distribution Companies to Receive Provincial Safety Award**

***For immediate release***

**May 22, 2008 (Fort Erie, Ontario)** - FortisOntario Inc. ("FortisOntario" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that the Company, and its operating subsidiaries Canadian Niagara Power Inc. ("Canadian Niagara Power") and Cornwall Electric Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited ("Cornwall Electric"), are the first Local Electrical Distribution Companies in the Province of Ontario to receive the ZeroQuest® Gold Award from the Electrical & Utilities Safety Association of Ontario ("E&USA").

The Gold Award is recognition of FortisOntario, Canadian Niagara Power and Cornwall Electric's diligence towards the ongoing assessment and continuous improvement of its health and safety systems.

"Attaining the Gold Level is a significant achievement that reflects leadership within the organization and the greater health and safety community in Ontario," said Ted Vandevlis, President & CEO of the E&USA. "Thus far, this is only the second Gold Award in the ZeroQuest® program and the first to a Local Electrical Distribution Company."

E&USA launched this new awards program during 2004 which evaluates a company on the following four levels of health and safety: Commitment, Effort, Outcomes and Sustainability.

"FortisOntario and its dedicated and skilled employees are very proud to receive this prestigious award from E&USA. In doing so, we also recognize that achieving and maintaining a positive safety culture takes extremely hard work and can only happen when every employee and contractor makes safety their number one priority," said Bill Daley, President & CEO, FortisOntario.

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](http://www.fortisontario.com).

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