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**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

**IN THE MATTER OF a Hearing to consider a change to
the charges, rates and tolls of New Brunswick Power
Distribution and Customer Service Corporation.**

NOTICE

**Whereas NB Power Distribution and Customer Service Corporation (“Applicant”) has
filed an amended application for approval of a change in the charges, rates and tolls for its
services where such change exceeds the amount authorized under Section 99 of the
Electricity Act;**

**And whereas a hearing on the segment of the amended application dealing with the Cost
Allocation and Rate Design (CARD) process is currently underway before the New
Brunswick Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“the Board”);**

**And whereas there are preliminary and directional percentage increases by rate class
based on the 2005/06 cost allocation and rate design methodology as noted in Attachment 1,
and there may be changes to the rates for the various rate classes following the Board’s
ruling on the CARD segment of this application, which is anticipated on or about the 15th
day of December, 2005. At that time, specific rates based on the approved methodology
and the 2006/07 costs will be filed with the Board;**

**And whereas a hearing is scheduled to commence on the 16th day of January, 2006 before
the Board for consideration of the Applicant’s Revenue Requirement and Rate Proposal
segment of the amended application.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

- a) The Applicant shall file its evidence in support of its Revenue Requirement with the
Board on or before the 17th day of October, 2005.**
- b) The evidence will be placed on file for examination by interested parties during normal
business hours in the offices of this Board and in all of the Applicant’s business offices
in New Brunswick, no later than the 18th day of October, 2005. Further, a copy of the
documents filed in respect of paragraph three above will be available on the Board’s
website and by a request in writing to the Applicant at the address noted below.**

- c) **Anyone intending to intervene in the Revenue Requirement and Rate Proposal segment of the amended application, who are not now a recognized intervenor to participate in the CARD portion of this hearing, must notify in writing both the Board at the address below and the Applicant to the attention of Ms. Lillian Gilbert, Regulatory Affairs, NB Power Distribution and Customer Service Corporation, 515 King Street, Fredericton, New Brunswick, E3B 4X1, tel (506) 458-4022 or fax (506) 458-4000 or email at lgilbert@nbpower.com, before noon on Monday, the 24th day of October, 2005, stating whether they wish to have formal or informal status and providing the reason for the nature of the proposed intervention.**

DATED at the City of Saint John this 30th day of September 2005.

BY THE BOARD

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ATTACHMENT 1

Disco is forecasting for 2006/07 a Revenue Requirement of \$1,308M and Revenues of \$1,183M at current rates, resulting in a Revenue Shortfall of \$126M.

The following percentage increases by rate class are preliminary and directional and are based on the 2005/06 cost allocation methodology:

Overall 2006/07 rate increase is 11.6%.

Rate Class	Range of average % increase
Residential	14 – 16
General service (standard)	6 – 8
General service (all-electric)	7.5 – 9.5
Small Industrial	11 – 13
Large Industrial	8 – 10
Wholesale	14 - 16

Please note; these increases could change as outlined in paragraph three of this notice.