



CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

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### **Canadian Niagara Power Approved for Electricity Conservation Program in Port Colborne**

Canadian Niagara Power announced today that its customers in Port Colborne will see an approximate 3.8% increase in electricity rates effective April 1, 2005 due to an increase in the cost of power and a slight increase in the delivery charge. The average Port Colborne residential customer that consumes 1,000 kWh per month will realize a monthly cost increase of approximately \$3.50.

The increase in the cost of power is due to the implementation of the government's Regulated Price Protection plan ("RPP") instituted by the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB"). The RPP was developed to better reflect the true cost of power being paid to generators for electricity and is based on the OEB's 12 month cost of power forecast. The increase in the delivery charge is due to the implementation of the Conservation and Demand Management Plan (C&DM) recently approved by the OEB. The C&DM plan supports the government of Ontario's commitment to create an energy conservation culture.

Bill Daley, President & CEO of Canadian Niagara Power stated, "The Company is committed to the safe and efficient operations of our distribution systems. Canadian Niagara Power continues to focus on investing and managing its electrical system to improve reliability and delivery of electricity while maintaining affordable distribution rates for our customers."

As an advocate of responsible energy usage, Canadian Niagara Power urges customers to take conservation measures such as changing to energy efficient lighting, installing programmable thermostats, weather-stripping doors and windows, installing efficient showerheads and other measures to reduce electrical consumption.

Canadian Niagara Power, headquartered in Fort Erie, is a wholly owned subsidiary of FortisOntario Inc. FortisOntario has operations in electricity distribution, transmission and generation. The Company 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 (TSE:FTS). For more information on Canadian Niagara Power, please visit the corporate website at [www.fortisontario.com](http://www.fortisontario.com).

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