

President's Bulletin



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PWU Welcomes PowerStream Employees Into Membership

On Thursday, April 30 a representation vote of the employees of PowerStream was conducted by the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

PowerStream is a local distribution company that was formed from mergers of Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill and Aurora utilities.

PowerStream employees were represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 636.

On December 15, 2008 the Ontario Energy Board approved a merger of PowerStream and Barrie Hydro, where the employees have been represented by the PWU. PowerStream remains as the name of the newly merged entity. With this latest merger PowerStream has become one of the largest utilities in Ontario – only Hydro One and Toronto Hydro are larger.

PowerStream had approximately 245 represented employees and Barrie Hydro approximately 70.

Vote results:

Eligible voters	316
Ballots cast	305
PWU	222 ✓
IBEW	82
Spoiled	1

The PWU is extremely pleased with this tremendous demonstration of support and solidarity. I take great pride in welcoming PowerStream employees into the membership of the Power Workers' Union.

Don MacKinnon
President