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THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION
of the
CITY OF HAMILTON

January 17, 1934.

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
620 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Attention - the Secretary

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the commission held yesterday, I was instructed to place before you certain conditions in reference to the operation of 66-2/3 cycle system in this city.

Since taking over the local D.P. & T. customers from the H. E. P. C. of Ontario on May 1st, 1931, the question of changing customers from 66-2/3 cycles has become an increasingly serious problem.

When the purchase was made it was on the definite understanding that no part of the cost of changing customer's equipment was to be borne by the local system and that the supply of 66-2/3 cycle current would only be available for Power customers and for Commercial lighting customers in the centre of the City for a period of five years while Residence and outlying Commercial users were to be changed over in a period of two years or as soon as the local system would be able to handle the transfer. Under such conditions there could only have been a reasonable amount of maintenance to be taken care of and the 66-2/3 cycle substations would have soon been out of existence.

Almost immediately after taking over, the above policy in reference to Residence and outlying Commercial customers was put into effect with the result that many customers being changed permitted the removal, since that time, of approximately fifty miles of pole line construction. These transfers would have been continued and would probably have been completed by this time had it not been for a change in policy over which the local commission had no control.

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