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## Via Email and Delivered

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E5

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: PowerStream Inc. 2009 Cost of Service Electricity Distribution Rates Board File No. EB-2008-0244 Intervenor: Smart Sub-Metering Working Group

We represent the Smart Sub-Metering Working Group ("SSMWG").

In accordance with the timelines set out in the Majority Decision in this matter, we write to provide the SSMWG's comments on the draft Rate Order package circulated by PowerStream Inc. on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

The SSMWG is concerned with the wording of the final paragraph in the proposed new version of section 2.3.7.3.5 of PowerStream's Conditions of Service (titled "Multi-Unit Residential Suite Buildings and indexed as Schedule K, Page 2 of 5). As written, the paragraph suggests that PowerStream (or at least its Metering Department) will exercise some power of approval over requests to have condominium buildings sub-metered by licensed smart sub-metering providers. That is not appropriate; there is no basis for PowerStream to review or approve the smart sub-meterer's plans for an installation within the condominium.

We suggest that the paragraph be replaced by the following:

The design and installation for sub-metered systems will meet the requirements set out in the Metering provisions of the Smart Sub-Metering Code issued by the OEB.

Given that the Metering provisions of the Smart Sub-Metering Code require that the licensed smart sub-metering provider must comply with the Functional Specification document referred to in Ontario Regulation 425/06 (Criteria and requirement for Meters and Metering Equipment, Systems and Technology) and must comply with Measurement Canada standards, this should provide PowerStream with the comfort that it requires that the system being installed is compatible. August 7, 2009 Page 2

We would be pleased to respond to any questions that the Board may have.

Yours very truly,

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