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Ms. Kirsten Walli
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Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Nomination to the Smart Grid Working Group
Board File No. EB-2011-0004**

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Veridian Connections Inc. (“Veridian”) is pleased to nominate Mr. Axel Starck to participate in the Smart Grid Working Group (SGWG) referenced in the Board Secretary’s January 13 2011 letter.

Mr. Starck is Veridian’s Executive Vice President of Asset Services and its Chief Operating Officer. He has held overall responsibility for distribution system planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance at Veridian since the company was formed in 1999. During these years Veridian’s merger and acquisition successes prompted the consolidation of the business operations of nine predecessor distribution companies. Mr. Starck played a central role in rationalizing and integrating the distribution system operations of these former companies and, today, Veridian operates a geographically dispersed distribution network serving more than 113,000 urban, suburban and rural customers over an area of 639 square kilometres. This experience provides Mr. Starck with unique perspectives that would be of value to the proposed working group.

Prior to his role at Veridian, Mr. Starck held positions of increasing responsibility at Ontario Hydro, Pickering Hydro and Ajax Hydro, where he served as General Manager from 1989 to 1999. Mr. Starck holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) from McGill University, is a current member of Professional Engineers Ontario, and has a total of 39 years experience in the field of power distribution. He has also served on numerous industry committees and working groups, including the role of Chair of the Operations Council of the Electricity Distributors Association.

If selected to serve on the SGWG, Mr. Starck would represent Veridian. Veridian is an electricity distributor operating under Ontario Energy Board license number ED-2002-0503 and, therefore, has a direct interest in the development of the Board’s smart grid implementation guidelines.

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Thank you for your consideration of our nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-427-9870, extension 2202 if you have any questions or require further information.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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cc Axel Starck, Veridian Connections Inc.

