



**EB-2007-0922**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,  
1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by  
Provident Energy Management Inc. for a smart sub-  
metering licence.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

### **INTERIM DECISION AND ORDER**

Provident Energy Management Inc. filed an application on November 27, 2007 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") for a smart sub-metering licence. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2007-0922.

The applicant is engaged in smart sub-metering activities, as prescribed by Ontario Regulation 443/07—*Licensing Sub-Metering Activities* made under the Act. This regulation came into force on December 31, 2007. Therefore, all persons engaged in smart sub-metering activities, as prescribed by Ontario Regulation 443/07, need to be licensed.

Considering the time required to process an application in accordance with the Board's established practice and procedures, and considering the applicant's activities and the timing of the regulation, the Board issued an interim order under sections 21(7) and 6(4) of the Act granting a short-term smart sub-metering licence to the applicant on December 28, 2007.

No determination has yet been made on the application. As the short term smart sub-metering licence expires on April 27, 2008, it is necessary to issue a second short-term licence pending the final disposition of the matter.

The applicant should note that the granting of this interim order is not an indication that a longer term licence will be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. A smart sub-metering licence is granted on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.
2. It is also a condition of this order that Provident Energy Management Inc. expeditiously investigates and takes all appropriate and necessary steps to resolve any complaints from consumers regarding Provident Energy Management Inc.'s smart sub-metering services.
3. The licence will be valid for a period of 4 months or until the Board makes a final decision on the smart sub-metering licence application, whichever is earlier.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 25, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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