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Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
Yonge-Eglinton Centre
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Smart Metering Entity - Revised SME/LDC Agreement
EB-2012-0100/EB-2012-0211**

The SME, in consultation with the EDA, has revised the SME/LDC Agreement to reflect the Board's decision of January 17, 2013. A redline comparison showing the amendments to the SME/LDC Agreement is enclosed.

In addition to the amendments required by the Board, the SME determined that it was necessary to add an effective date to the SME/LDC Agreement. This will ensure a consistent effective date for the SME/LDC Agreement regardless of when it is executed by an individual distributor. The SME believes this approach is appropriate because a number of the SME's obligations under the SME/LDC Agreement are common to all distributors (e.g. the creation of the SME Steering Committee and the allocation of service level credits).

The SME has selected an effective date of May 1, 2013. The SME believes this date provides sufficient time to have the SME/LDC Agreement executed by LDCs and for the SME to undertake the necessary work to prepare for implementation of the SME/LDC Agreement. An effective date of May 1, 2013 will also align with the date on which the SME is seeking to commence collection of the Smart Metering Charge.

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