



**EB-2007-0953**

**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 Atop  
Communications Inc. for a smart sub-metering  
licence.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Atop Communications Inc. filed an application dated December 19, 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’s Notice of Application and Written Hearing for a smart sub-metering licence was published on January 18, 2008. No parties responded to the Notice of Application and Written Hearing.

After considering the application, it has been found to be in the public interest to issue the smart sub-metering licence under Part V of the Act. The standard term for a sub-metering licence is five years. However, I am issuing this smart sub-metering licence for a period of one year. There were certain aspects of this application that gave me cause for concern. I expect that the applicant will use the next year to demonstrate that it is a reliable participant in the electricity market. I also expect that the applicant will develop an improved business and financial plan over the next year and file that plan with its next application for a smart sub-metering licence.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The application for a smart sub-metering licence is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.
2. The applicant shall file a business and financial plan with the Board as part of its next smart sub-metering licence application.

**DATED** at Toronto, August 22, 2008.

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*Original signed by*

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