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**Compliance Office  
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TO: All licenced distributors and retailers

**RE: Implementation of New Regulations made under the Electricity Act, 1998 (O.Reg 429/04, O. Reg 430/04 and O.Reg 431/04) and the Implementation Plan for Version 3.0 of the Ontario Electronic Business Transactions (EBT) Standards**

The Board authorized today a plan for the implementation by industry participants of the above regulations, which provide for the passing through to loads of the “Global Adjustment” to the Hourly Ontario Energy Price. The implementation plan is identified as Global Issue 776 by the EBT Standards Advisory Committee, which has unanimously recommended that the Board authorize the plan. The Board has also authorized changes to the Electronic Business Transactions (“EBT”) Standards that are related to the above regulations. These changes to the Standards are identified as Global Issue 774 and the version of the EBT Standards now becomes version 2.2 patch 3 (v2.2p3). These were also recommended unanimously by the EBT Standards Advisory Committee. The applicable provisions of the regulations take effect on January 1, 2005. These authorizations likewise take effect on January 1, 2005.

The Board also authorized today, after review of the unanimous recommendations of the EBT Standards Advisory Committee, the implementation plan for version 3.0 of the EBT Standards (Global Issue 761), the effective date for which is April 11, 2005. The Global Issues referred to in this notice may be viewed via the Board’s website at [http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca/html/en/industryrelations/ongoingprojects\\_ebt.htm](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca/html/en/industryrelations/ongoingprojects_ebt.htm).

Yours truly,

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