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Paul Pudge, Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Pudge,

RE: Revised Electronic Business Transaction (EBT) Standards

This letter is written on behalf of the EBT Standards Advisory Committee to recommend to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for its consideration and authorization revised EBT Standards, version 2.1, in the form described below.

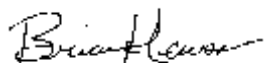
On August 10, 2001 the Board authorised the release of version 2.0 of the EBT Standards documents for application in the electricity market. Since then more than 100 issues have been raised by parties, largely as a result of the testing during implementation of 2.0. The issues identified and the proposed and final resolutions are recorded on a master Issues List which is maintained on the Board's website. The EBT Standards Working Group has met and reviewed the issues and developed proposed resolutions to those issues that were considered necessary to be resolved prior to market opening. All members of the EBT Advisory Committee were provided the opportunity to review the proposed resolutions and revisions to Standards documents. At the Committee meetings on November 29, 2001 and December 17, 2001 there was unanimous agreement to recommend to the Board approval of the revised Standards.

The Standards now consist of the following components: the text describing the standards, including transactions diagrams (the original standards document, authorized in June 2000); the Schemas that describe the transactions; the Implementation Guides (IGs) for each transaction; several Protocols which set out the technical requirements

for secure transfer of data by EBT; and addenda to the EBT Standards text which reflect the revisions and resolutions in the Issues List. The Committee respectfully suggests that in the near future the Board should consider authorizing a consolidation.

The EBT Advisory Committee recommends that, following authorization, the Board post the Standards Document as version 2.1 on the Board's website.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Hewson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Brian Hewson
Chair
EBT Standards Advisory Committee