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TO: All licenced electricity distributors and retailers

RE: Authorization of Patches 1 and 2 to the Ontario Electronic Business Transactions (EBT) Standards

The Board authorizes today, on the recommendations of the Electronic Business Transactions (EBT) Standards Advisory Committee, patches 1 and 2 to version 2.2 of the EBT Standards. Patch 1 contains minor revisions, largely clarifications of the Standards documents, most of which have been previously approved, pending advice on the implementation date. Patch 2 also contains revisions judged to be of a minor nature but some of which do require XML schema changes and changes to Implementation Guides. The implementation date for both Patches is a minimum of 90 days and no later than 120 days from the date of this letter. The exact date is to be determined by the EBT Standards Working Group, in consultation with Board staff.

The Board notes that one item covered by Patch 2 creates a new transaction - the Comma Separated Values (CSV) files Transport Transaction, identified as Global Issue 754. The use of the this transaction for a specific transport purpose, other than by mutual consent of licensed trading partners, will require a separate and specific authorization.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. O'Dell', written over a horizontal line.

Peter H. O'Dell
Acting Board Secretary