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Bulletin #1

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To: All Licensed Distributors and Retailers

Re: Electronic Business Transactions Standards

This bulletin is to inform all licensed electricity distributors and retailers and other participants in the Ontario retail electricity market of a change to the EBT Standards, to clarify the interpretation of the XML Names “Service Period Begin Date/Time” and “End Date/Time” and the associated usage data.

The start of the day is represented in the XML transactions by 00:00 and the end of the day is represented in the XML transactions by 23:59. Start dates/times indicate the beginning of the time period. End dates/times indicate the end of the time period. The convention for both interval and non-interval meters is the same.

Example of the service period for an *interval meter* for all samples for the day of May 16, 2002:

- + BeginDate is 200205160000ES
- + EndDate is 200205162359ES
- + 24 one hour samples of data

Example of the service period for a *non-interval meter* for the entire month of May 2002.

- + BeginDate is 200205010000ES
- + EndDate is 200205312359ES
- + one single piece of data

Example of the service period for an *interval meter for samples* for the time starting 4:00pm June 11, 2002 and ending at 10:00am June 12, 2002:

+ BeginDate is 200206111600ES

+ EndDate is 200206120959ES

+ 18 one hour samples of data

Example of the service period for an *interval meter for samples* for the time starting 4:00pm June 11, 2002 and ending at 5:00pm June 11, 2002:

+ BeginDate is 200206111600ES

+ EndDate is 200206111659ES

+ 1 one hour sample of data

These changes are authorized by the Ontario Energy Board and are effective immediately. They will be incorporated in the next release of the Standards.

Note that it is not expected that the system changes can be implemented immediately but it is expected that those who have not been using this interpretation will begin work immediately to conform to this standard.