

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**GDAR EBTWG – PROTOCOL SUBGROUP**

**Date:** Tuesday January 24, 2006

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Place:** OEB Offices  
27<sup>th</sup> Floor – Main Boardroom  
2300 Yonge Street  
Toronto, Ontario

**AGENDA**

- 1. Background**  
Presentation by Tom Stark (Extensys)
- 2. Existing Documentation (from Electricity EBT):**  
Ontario EBT Protocols Between Points Draft Version 2.0 (copy attached)
- 3. Proposed Revisions to Ontario EBT Protocols Between Points Draft Version 2.0**
- 4. Discussion re Issues Identified in Standards Document**

Kitchener

- There are concerns with exchanging of sensitive data across public carrier networks. The transport protocols need to be reviewed in more detail to ensure the security, reliability, and data transport of EBTs to and from Market Participants.

OESC

- OESC agrees that technology must be employed to ensure the security and reliability of data transported but suggest that PGP encryption should also be considered as an acceptable alternative to PKI.
- OESC is concerned with the suggested volume of transaction rolled into a single document 500 mb in size prior to encryption and compression. A maximum document size of 500 mb may not be practical. OESC contends that the proposed maximum be changed to a 50 mb limit. File editing and scanning can become problematic for Parties receiving large files, especially when trying to determine the cause of an error. With a 50 mb limit it is less likely that transmission problems will occur in the transfer. This limit can also be addressed if the industry determines it is necessary to do so.

Direct Energy

- DE recommends that based on a potential 2007 implementation, that the EBTWG undertakes an evaluation of potential new technologies for secure communications, for example VPN, which may provide cost savings if already utilized by Market Participants.
- The Standards Document currently states that a Functional Acknowledgement is to be returned within one business day. As the EBTWG supports a point-to-point solution, the response time should be similar to a Hub response, which is 4 hours.