NOTICE OF MEETING
GDAR EBTWG – PROTOCOL SUBGROUP

Date: Tuesday January 24, 2006

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Place: OEB Offices
27th Floor – Main Boardroom
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario

AGENDA - REVISED

1. Background
   Presentation by Tom Stark (Extensys)

2. Existing Documentation (from Electricity EBT):
   Ontario EBT Protocols Between Points Draft Version 2.0 (copy attached)
   Ontario EBT Data Transport Protocol Version 3.0 (copy attached)

3. Proposed Revisions to Existing Documentation

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, with 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.