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The Honourable Dwight Duncan
Minister of Energy
Hearst Block, 4th Floor
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Dear Minister,

I am pleased to present to you the Report of the Board on the Smart Meter Implementation Plan.

In your letter of July 14, 2004, you enclosed a Minister's Directive issued under Section 27.1 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998. The Board was directed to develop an implementation plan to achieve the government's objective for the deployment of smart electricity meters. The Board was asked to report by February 15, 2005.

The Board and its staff were greatly assisted in this work by the intensive participation of the stakeholder communities. The Board's recommendations consider many factors, including the structure of the electricity distribution system in Ontario, the need to begin implementation promptly to meet the government's target installation dates, and the estimated cost of the proposed system.

The Board appreciates the opportunity to develop this implementation plan. The Board hopes it will assist the government with its policy to bring smart meters to all of the electricity customers of Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Howard I. Wetston, Q.C.