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Ms. Kristen Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: Reporting Requirements Related to Smart Meter Deployment and the
Application of Time-of-Use Pricing

On behalf of Erie Thames Powerlines, please find attached Erie Thames Powerlines Third Quarter 2009 Smart Meter Deployment and Application of Time-of-Use Pricing report. As directed in the “New Reporting Requirements Related to Smart Meter Deployment and the Application of Time-of-Use Pricing” letter dated June 26th, 2009, included are Appendices A, B and C in electronic searchable/unrestricted Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), submitted to the Board Secretary by e-mail at boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca with the subject line “Erie Thames Powerlines: Smart Meter/TOU Filing”.

Should anything further be required, or if you have any questions please contact Jeff Quint at 519-808-0925 or jquint@e360inc.com.

Sincerely,

Via E-Mail Only

Jeff Quint
Senior Business Consultant

Appendix A

Baseline Report: Part I

1. Please indicate whether you have entered into any contracts with an advanced metering infrastructure (“AMI”) system vendor. If so, please provide the name of the vendor, the date of the contract, and the percentage of your total number of smart meters that will be acquired from the vendor. If you have entered into contracts with multiple vendors, please provide the requested information for each vendor.

Response:

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation (“ETPL”) has entered into contract negotiations with Elster Metering for the supply of metering equipment such as meters and collectors for the Automated Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”). The final contract will be in place by the end of 2009. ETPL has also entered into contract negotiations with Utilismart Corporation for the back office hosting and data acquisition components of the AMI system, with the final contract to be in place by the end of 2009. Finally, ETPL is in contract negotiations with SmartSynch for the Wide Area Network component of the AMI system. The contract will be in place by the end of 2009.

2. Please indicate whether you have started to install smart meters for RPP-eligible consumers in your service area. If so, please indicate the following: (a) the date on which you started that deployment; (b) the total number of RPP-eligible consumers, by customer class; (c) the number of smart meters that have been installed for RPP-eligible consumers, by customer class; and (d) the percentage of each such customer class for which smart meters have been installed.

Response:

ETPL will begin deployment of smart meters for RPP-eligible residential consumers in the first quarter of 2010, with full deployment completed by the end of the second quarter 2010. Deployment of smart meters for RPP-eligible GS<50 kW consumers will also begin in the first quarter of 2010, with full deployment to be completed by the end of the second quarter 2010.

3. Please indicate if you have started to deploy any AMI systems or structures? If so, please indicate the status of your AMI system and when it will be fully operational. If not, please indicate when you plan to start to deploy AMI systems or structures, and the date by which you plan to have the AMI system fully operational.

Response:

ETPL has not yet deployed any AMI systems or structures. Deployment of collection devices and the Wide Area Network will begin in the first quarter of 2010. It is anticipated that all collection devices and the Wide Area Network will be fully functional in all communities by the end of the first quarter 2010.

4. Please indicate whether you have started to integrate your meters and systems with the provincial MDM/R. If so, please identify: (a) the status of that integration, based on the following four steps of the MDM/R integration process: testing, meter registration, meter data, billing data acquisition; and (b) the date on which you plan to have the integration completed. If not, please indicate when you plan to start to integrate your meters and systems with the provincial MDM/R and the date on which you plan to have the integration completed.

Response:

ETPL has not started integrating meters and systems with the provincial MDM/R. ETPL will begin integration with the provincial MDM/R in the second quarter of 2010. Full integration with the provincial MDM/R will be complete by the end of third quarter 2010.

5. Please indicate whether you have started to make changes to your business processes and systems related to MDM/R and TOU implementation, including your Customer Information Systems ("CIS") that may be required to implement TOU billing. If so, please provide the current status of those changes and the date on which the necessary changes are planned to be completed. If not, please indicate when you plan to start making any necessary changes and when those changes are planned to be completed.

Response:

ETPL is actively working with their Customer Service System ("CIS") Application Service Provider ("ASP"), Ecaliber Inc. ("Ecaliber") to ensure that the necessary CIS changes are being implemented to ensure proper connection and communication with the MDM/R and the implementation of TOU rates. All necessary changes are to be implemented by the end of 2009.

6. Please indicate whether you have developed a plan for the implementation of web presentment of TOU data to each RPP-eligible consumer requesting the data. If so, please describe that plan. If not, please indicate when you expect to develop that plan.

Response:

ETPL is evaluating several options for the web presentment of TOU data, which includes using a combination of tools based on customer classification. It is anticipated that the web presentment component will be in place and fully functional by the end of second quarter 2010.

7. Please indicate whether you have started to implement a consumer education program with respect to the implementation of TOU pricing and billing for RPP-eligible consumers. If so, please provide the date on which the first consumer education material was provided to RPP-eligible consumers. If not, please indicate the date(s) on which you plan to commence the delivery of consumer education materials.

Response:

ETPL to date has not begun a consumer education program with respect to TOU billing for RPP-eligible consumers. ETPL plans to begin a consumer education program during the deployment of the smart meters. The program will be comprehensive in nature whereby ETPL will provide consumers with information on the TOU billing periods and rates, ways to shift and save thereby linking conservation to TOU and completing the integration of the two components.

Appendix B Baseline Report: Part II

	Residential				GS<50kW			
Month	Meters Installed	Meters Enrolled	ToU Notice Sent	ToU Billing	Meters Installed	Meters Enrolled	ToU Notice Sent	ToU Billing
May 09								
June 09								
July 09								
Aug 09								
Sept 09								
Oct 09								
Nov 09								
Dec 09	600							
Jan 10	10,000	100						
Feb 10	12,484	1,000						
Mar 10		5,000	5,000		500			
Apr 10		10,000	10,000	5,000	1,000			
May 10		12,484	12,484	10,000	1,283	500		
June 10				12,484		1,000	500	
July 10						1,283	1,000	500
Aug 10							1,283	1,000
Sep 10								1,283
Oct 10								
Nov 10								
Dec 10								
Jan 11								
Feb 11								
Mar 11								
Apr 11								
May 11								
June 11								

Appendix C Quarterly Reporting

Distributor name: Erie Thames Powerlines			
Quarter ending: September 30, 2009			
	RPP-eligible Consumers: Residential Class	RPP-eligible Consumers: General Service Less Than 50kW Class	Total
Total number of RPP-eligible consumers	12,484	1,283	13,767
Number of smart meters installed in the quarter	0	0	0
Number of smart meters registered with the MDM/R in the quarter	0	0	0
Number of RPP consumers being charged TOU prices added in the quarter	0	0	0
Total cumulative number of smart meters installed in the service area at the end of the quarter	436	18	454
Total cumulative number of smart meters registered with the MDM/R at the end of the quarter	0	0	0
Total cumulative number of consumers being charged TOU prices at the end of the quarter	0	0	0
Percentage of total RPP-eligible consumers with smart meters installed at the end of the quarter	0	0	0
Percentage of total smart meters installed that are registered with the MDM/R at the end of the quarter	0	0	0
Percentage of total RPP-eligible consumers being charged TOU prices at the end of the quarter	0	0	0

- MDM/R testing has not started
- AMI system installation and integration in progress