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Ontario Electric Utilities Receive Award of Excellence at 2009 Metering America Conference

Coalition of Large Distributors Recognized for Collaboration on Smart Meters Deployment

TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - March 30, 2009) - The Ontario Energy Association congratulates the Coalition of Large Distributions on receiving the prestigious 10 Years of Excellence Award at last week's Metering America Conference in Miami, Florida. The Coalition - whose members include Toronto Hydro, Hydro Ottawa, Horizon Utilities, Enersource, Veridian and PowerStream - was formally recognized as both an innovative and highly-effective collaborative partnership in facilitating the sharing of best practices, expertise and information related to Ontario's deployment of smart meters.

"Ontario's vision and leadership in the area of advanced metering infrastructure and smart meters is clearly recognized - not only in North America, but internationally," said Ryan Matthews, Co-Chair, Spintelligent/Metering International Awards Selection Committee. "Ontario's Coalition of Large Distributors is to be commended for its collaborative approach, the success it has already achieved in this large-scale deployment - and finally, for making such a significant contribution to Ontario's overall smart meter installation targets."

"The Ontario Energy Association is extremely proud that its Coalition of Large Distributors' members have been recognized in such a high-profile way - and on such an international stage," said Shane Pospisil, Ontario Energy Association President and CEO. "Congratulations to Jack Robertson and his Elster Metering colleagues, who were also formally acknowledged as the key technology partner to Toronto Hydro, Hydro Ottawa, Horizon Utilities, Enersource and Veridian. And congratulations to Sensus Metering Systems, another OEA member, the technology partner to PowerStream."

The 210-member Ontario Energy Association (OEA) is Ontario's premier energy trade organization, representing firms and organizations involved in the generation, transmission, distribution and marketing of electricity; and the transmission, distribution and marketing of natural gas across the province. OEA members together employ about 32,000 Ontarians and last year accounted for almost \$35 billion in market revenues.

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