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powerWISE® REPORT CARD – Quarterly Update on Conservation in Ontario

TORONTO, December 12, 2005 – Six of Ontario's largest local electricity distribution companies, cooperatively delivering energy conservation programs under the powerWISE® name, are pleased to provide an update on activities during the third quarter of 2005. Through a combined investment of approximately \$2.5 million in the three-month period, the group continues to promote energy conservation in their respective service areas.

powerWISE is delivering over \$70 million in comprehensive electricity conservation programs over a three-year period. To date, the group has spent almost \$10 million on programs geared to helping customers conserve electricity.

So far and continuing through 2006, the powerWISE alliance will be supporting the provincial government's target of installing smart meters. The alliance has already installed close to 4000 smart meters in homes and businesses in Ontario.

"As we approach the New Year, we'll be busy with smart meter planning and installation. Smart meters will allow customers the opportunity to play an active role in shifting electricity consumption to "off-peak" hours. To make it even easier, the powerWISE coalition will continue to provide customers with information and programs on other ways to help reduce peak demand," said David O'Brien, president and CEO, Toronto Hydro Corporation.

Since December 2004, several programs have been introduced to customers. In the quarter ending September 30, many of the programs launched previously continued and a number of new initiatives were introduced. These include:

- The "Lighten Your Electricity Bill" campaign with Canadian Tire. This major mass-market retail coupon program provides discount incentives on the purchase of several energy efficient products including compact fluorescent lights, ceiling fans, programmable thermostats and seasonal LED holiday lights. Each coupon has a retail value of \$33 and the powerWISE members will be distributing close to one million coupons within their respective service territories by year-end. The powerWISE members have further leveraged this program among 31 local distribution companies who are collectively distributing coupons to 2.3 million electricity customers in Ontario through their electricity bills;
- peakSAVER, the first peak-shaving program whereby residential and commercial customers volunteer their air conditioning units for load control (on extremely hot days when electricity demand needs to be reduced.) In just 5 weeks, more than 2000 Toronto Hydro customers had signed up for the program,
- Veridian expanded their smart meter/interval meter business program to include customers that use 200kW or higher;
- Enersource introduced a program with local libraries where customers can borrow 'watt readers'. Watt readers allow people to plug in appliances and other household electrical items to see how much power they use;
- Hydro Ottawa and the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) recognized 30 of Hydro Ottawa's largest customers for their leadership during this summer's appeals to conserve electricity in Ontario.
- "Switch to Cold" Campaign – in partnership with the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance, this campaign encourages customers to wash their clothes in cold water; and
- "How Many Bulbs Does it Take to Change Toronto?" campaign, was launched by Toronto Hydro with The Home Depot. The program offered two free CFL bulbs to all residents in the City of Toronto and almost 500,000 bulbs were picked up by Toronto residents;

powerWISE members Enersource Hydro Mississauga, Horizon Utilities Corporation, Hydro Ottawa Limited, PowerStream Inc., Toronto Hydro-Electric Limited and Veridian Connections will continue to deliver more new and innovative programs, and are fully committed to the goal of reducing demand and creating a culture of conservation in Ontario.

Visit www.powerwise.ca to learn how to conserve energy and save money.

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