

## **OLAMETER SELECTED TO INSTALL 80,000 SMART METERS**

**October 23, 2006** – Olameter Inc. is pleased to announce its selection by Hydro Ottawa Limited for the installation of 80,000 residential Smart Meters by the end of 2006. This project is being conducted in cooperation with the Ontario Ministry of Energy and the Coalition of Large Distributors (CLD) as part of the Government of Ontario's Smart Metering Initiative. This project will contribute a significant number of meters to the Ministry's stated goal of having 800,000 Smart Meters deployed by the end of 2007.

Over the past three years, Olameter has been delivering high quality and cost effective Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) solutions to its utility partners, and welcomes the challenge of exceeding the high standards established by Hydro Ottawa for the completion of this project. One of the cornerstones of the Olameter AMI service offering is providing utilities with access to a robust and well-trained Field Service workforce for the purposes of high volume meter changes. Olameter has been a trusted service provider in the Ontario utility market for more than 16 years, and has a long track record of delivering these services in a timely, professional, and cost-effective manner.

"Olameter has provided services to Hydro Ottawa for more than eight years. Their ability to provide value, combined with their commitment to delivering high quality field services, positions both companies for success on this very challenging project," said Owen Mahaffy, Hydro Ottawa's Program Manager, Metering Systems. Added Michael Lunau, Olameter's Vice President of Meter Reading and Field Services, "We are pleased to have been chosen for this deployment, and welcome the opportunity to further assist Hydro Ottawa in meeting their goals."

Olameter is pleased to be playing an important role in the Government of Ontario's Smart Metering Initiative, designed to encourage energy conservation. In addition to field services, Olameter also offers a comprehensive package of AMI solutions including asset procurement, project management, telecommunications management, meter data collection, end-use customer web presentment, CIS services capable of time-of-use pricing, and back-office data integration.

### **About the Smart Metering Initiative**

The Government of Ontario believes there is an urgency to create a "conservation culture" across the province and become a leader in energy efficiency. The province intends to have 800,000 Smart Meters installed in homes and small businesses by the end of 2007, and the entire province converted by 2010. For more information, visit [www.energy.gov.on.ca](http://www.energy.gov.on.ca)

### **About Time-of-Use Pricing**

Time-of-use prices will vary depending on the time of day, the day of the week, and the month of the year (summer or winter). The Ontario Energy Board (OEB), the regulator of the province's electricity and natural gas sectors, has not yet established a date for the implementation of time-of-use pricing. Hydro Ottawa anticipates that the OEB will direct all local distribution companies to implement time-of-use pricing sometime in 2007.

### **About Olameter Inc.**

As a leading independent meter service company, Olameter offers a full range of telemetry and back-office systems for electric, gas and water utilities. Billing, AMR, data collection and management, and automated site management are offered as individual services or in combination as a turnkey solution. Olameter solutions are designed to maximize business returns through a proven implementation model that minimizes impact on the client. As a value-added partner, Olameter currently services over 2.5 million meters across North America and has helped

over 65 utilities achieve deliverables such as improved cash flow, reduced costs, and enhanced customer loyalty. For more information, visit [www.olameter.com](http://www.olameter.com)

#### **About Hydro Ottawa Limited**

Hydro Ottawa Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hydro Ottawa Holding Inc., is the second largest municipal electricity distribution company in the province. Hydro Ottawa is responsible for the safe, reliable delivery of electricity to more than 278,000 residential and business customers in the city of Ottawa and the village of Casselman. Hydro Ottawa is proud to be a founding member of powerWISE® -- a conservation initiative among six of Ontario's largest electricity distribution companies -- to promote energy conservation to consumers and reduce the demand for electricity.

#### **About the Coalition of Large Distributors**

Members of the Coalition of Large Distributors are Enersource Hydro Mississauga, Horizon Utilities Corporation, Hydro Ottawa Limited, PowerStream Inc., Toronto Hydro Electric Systems Limited and Veridian Connections. In total, the six utilities represent 1.65 million customers or approximately 40 percent of the electricity customers in Ontario. Cooperatively, they work along with the Ontario Ministry of Energy under the name powerWISE® to deliver this multi-year, initiative designed to promote energy conservation to consumers and reduce the demand for electricity in their respective service areas.

See [www.hydroottawa.com](http://www.hydroottawa.com) and [www.powerwise.ca](http://www.powerwise.ca) for helpful conservation tips and ideas to save money on electricity bills.

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