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Commissioner Cavoukian to Unveil Best Practices for Smart Grid Privacy Protection at Toronto Summit, June 16

Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner, Dr. Ann Cavoukian, will unveil a publication Wednesday that will help ensure the protection of consumer privacy as the electrical grid becomes “smarter.” The new guidance document, developed with support from Hydro One and Toronto Hydro, will be launched at the *Smart Grid Interoperability Summit* in Toronto at 11.15am on June 16, 2010.

The guidance document will include:

- An overview of the Smart Grid in Ontario and the changing nature of electrical utilities;
- Examination of personal information in the context of the future Smart Grid (e.g. real-time, granular information on the use of appliances in the home);
- Best practices for embedding privacy into new Smart Grid systems – to be leveraged by utilities in Canada, the United States and worldwide; and
- Practical illustrations of methods to build Ontario’s emerging Smart Grid system, with privacy embedded into the design.

INTERVIEWS

The Commissioner and senior executives from Hydro One and Toronto Hydro will be available for comment at a media huddle following the Commissioner’s 11.15am presentation. Media representatives can request a press pass to the June 16 event by emailing registrations@strategyinstitute.com. Full details of the summit are available at www.smartgridinterop.com

A news release will be distributed via CNW at 11.15am on June 16, with video coverage also posted later that day.

Copies of the paper, an Executive Summary and news release will be available on the Commissioner’s web site www.ipc.on.ca

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