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**SARNIA, Ontario, June 8, 2010** – In accordance with provincial regulations Bluewater Power Distribution will be replacing all existing electricity meters with smart meters by the end of December 2010. Over the next few months, Bluewater Power's contractor, Honeywell Utility Solutions, will be installing smart meters on all residential and small commercial buildings in Bluewater Power's service area.

All Honeywell employees will carry Bluewater Power identification and vehicles will be clearly marked as a Bluewater Power Contractor. Concerned customers may call Bluewater Power to verify the identity of the Honeywell representative in their area.

"We are announcing the smart meter change as a courtesy to our valued customers. At the present time, this is strictly a meter change; there will be no other impact to our customers. Smart meter pricing won't be effective until some time next year." said Bluewater Power's President & Chief Executive Officer Janice McMichael-Dennis. "We'll be holding several general information town hall meetings starting this fall to educate our customers on this provincial initiative and to answer any questions our customers may have."

The Smart Meter initiative was designed by the provincial government to help Ontario meet its electricity needs. Smart Meters will encourage all Ontarians to think more about how and when we use electricity, and will help build a culture of conservation across the province.

For more information on the Smart Meter initiative visit [www.ontario.ca/powersmarter](http://www.ontario.ca/powersmarter) or call Bluewater Power at 519-337-8201.

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Bluewater Power provides electricity distribution and related services to approximately 35,000 customers in its shareholder municipalities of Sarnia, Petrolia, Point Edward, Watford, Alvinston, and Oil Springs. The utility provides the connection to the provincial electricity grid; distributes electricity locally through the distribution network; provides metering services; and bills customers for the electricity they consume. The rates charged for these services are set by the Ontario Energy Board and are designed to cover the costs of electricity distribution operations and to provide a regulated rate of return to the utility's shareholders. The other electricity bill charges including the costs of the electricity, transmission and debt retirement charges are passed through to Bluewater Power customers with no markup.