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TUV Rheinland of North America – TCB  
And Federal Communications Commission

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the following materials that have been submitted in support of the Form 731 Application for equipment authorization of the Elster Electricity, LLC A3 Collector under FCC Part 15.247 and Industry Canada RSS-210 be treated as confidential and to request that it not be made available to the public:

- Electrical Schematic Diagram
- Description of the product and it's operation
- Functional block diagram
- All assembly drawings

We are requesting that the material be treated as confidential because publication of these materials would enable competitors to do cost estimates of our products to their advantage and to learn details of the operation of the meter and its control algorithms that we would normally treat as company confidential information and it would not be made available to our customers, competitors or the public. Availability of this level of detail of our products to our competitors could place us at a considerable disadvantage in a very competitive marketplace.

Additionally, we are currently pursuing intellectual property protection in the form of patent applications and would not want the information made available to the public for that reason as well.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

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