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Veridian receives prestigious Business Excellence Award

Ajax, ON – More than 250 representatives from the Ajax and Pickering business community gathered at Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility last Friday to recognize and celebrate businesses for their excellence, community support, leadership and sustainability. Receiving an Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade Business Excellence Award in the 40+ Employee Category was Veridian Connections (“Veridian”).

The Business Excellence Award is presented to a company that has distinguished itself among its peers in the following categories: Outstanding Customers Service, Management and Innovation, Continuous Improvement and Quality Programs, Community Support, Awards and Achievements, and Environmental Efforts.

“This award is a testament to the hard work of our amazing employees and their strong, ongoing commitment to Veridian’s business operations,” said company President and CEO Michael Angemeer. “Veridian is more than an electricity distributor – we are a dedicated partner that is committed to participating in the communities we serve and partnering with organizations whose needs we can address and whose expertise we can learn from.”

In a release issued by the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade following the awards ceremony, it’s President Christine Ashton of Wilson Vukelich LLP said “The Board of Trade is proud to recognize the achievements of such an exceptional group of nominees and we applaud tonight’s winners.”

The Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade Business Excellence Awards were established in 1994 to recognize achievements and excellence in business performance. All nominees are selected by their business peers, and an independent panel of judges evaluates the nominees.

Veridian Connections, serving more than 121,000 residential and business customers, is the fifth largest municipally owned electric utility in Ontario. The City of Pickering, the Town of Ajax, the Municipality of Clarington and the City of Belleville jointly own Veridian Corporation, the parent company to Veridian Connections. The utility has a successful history of effective growth through two mergers and five acquisitions, and now serves nine communities east and north of Toronto more efficiently than any other large non-contiguous utility in Ontario. Veridian has a keen focus on reliability, customer communication and helping to lower customers’ electricity bills through the delivery of innovative

conservation programs and reasonable rates. Veridian not only contributes to local communities through industry leading financial returns, but also helps build stronger communities through the support of youth, health and mental health, education, poverty, women's shelters, the environment, the arts, economic development and community spirit. Industry leading employee programs, a commitment to public safety and a focus on employee engagement has created an environment that has earned nine consecutive Canada's Greenest Employer awards, the Electricity Distributors Association's Performance Excellence award and one Top GTA Employer award. Veridian has now diversified into renewable energy, and will be establishing other value added offerings for its customers.

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