

In Case You Missed It: Current EDA News & Events

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Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Be sure to check your email the first Tuesday each month to stay up-to-date on upcoming EDA news & events

The EDA hosts a number of events for you to gain networking opportunities and insight on the province's



Mark your calendars and plan to attend the following 2017 events:

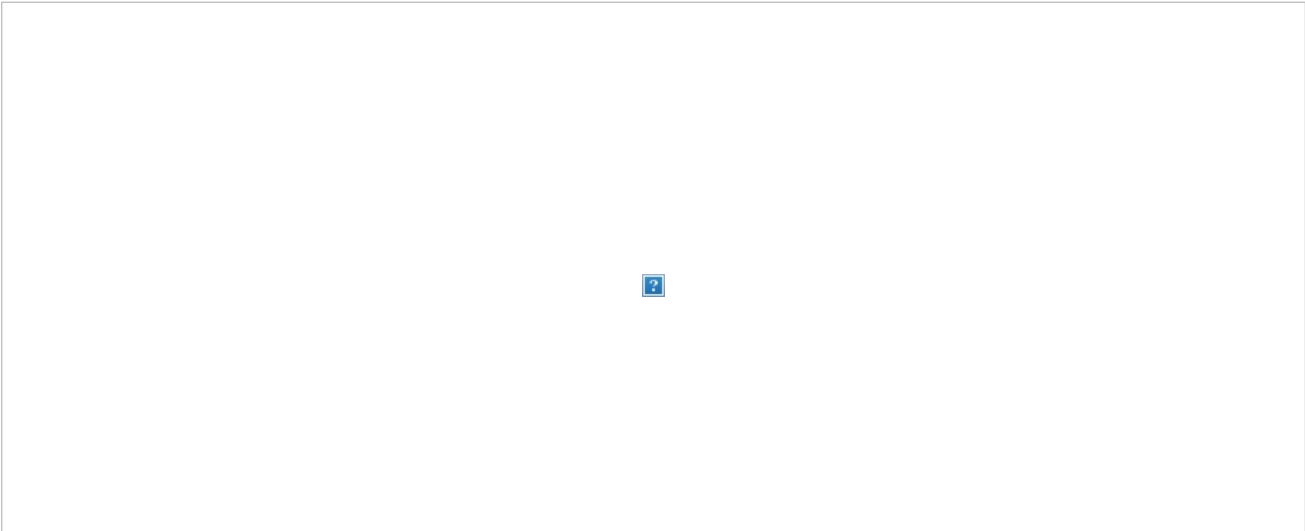
May 9: Women Connected	
June 1: EDA Directors Summit	
October 25-26: **NEW** EBIC (Energy Business Innovation Conference)	

EDA News

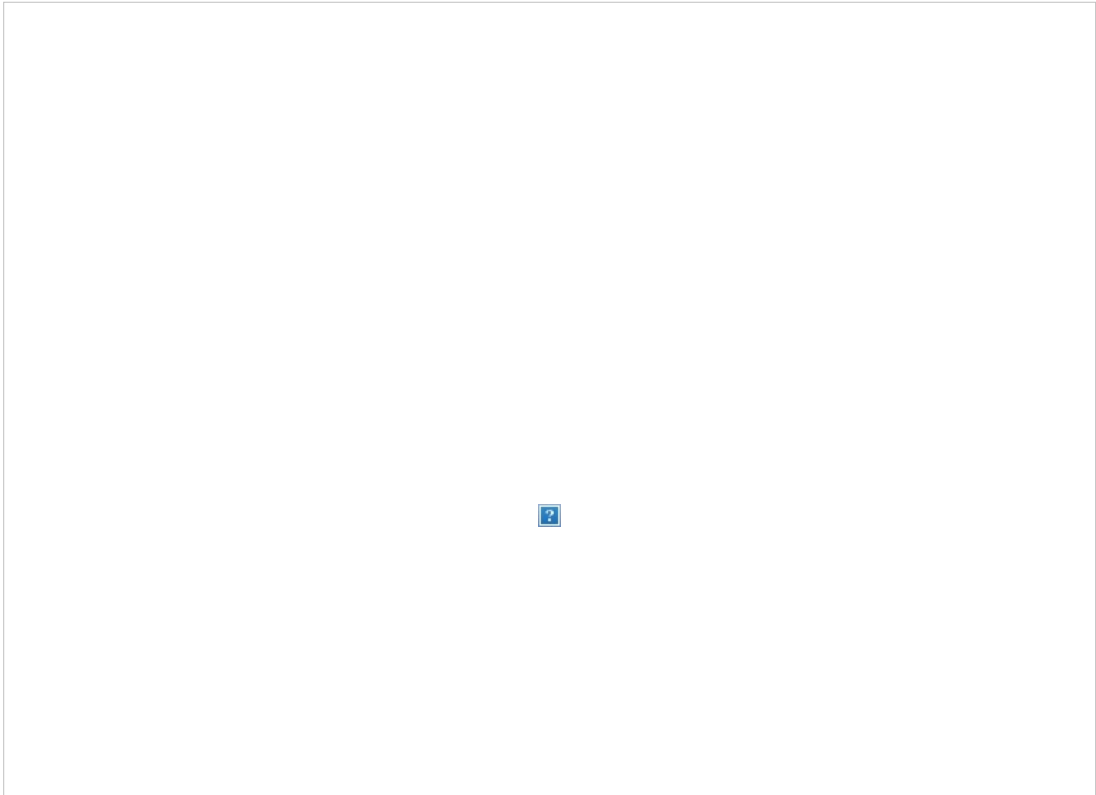
EDA offers context on OEB's announced decrease to electricity prices

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) recently announced a decrease to electricity prices under the Regulated Price Plan (RPP), which takes effect on May 1, 2017. The new prices reflect elements of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan that puts downward pressure on rates.

The EDA offers the following chart which illustrates the change to the RPP since November 1, 2016 and what prices would look like on May 1 had the Fair Hydro Plan not been introduced.



This graph shows RPP values since May 2006 and illustrates what the RPP would be without the Fair Hydro Plan.





The authorized RPP rates implement portions of the government's Fair Hydro Plan in advance of the passage of enabling legislation, chiefly by assuming that the Global Adjustment (GA) to be recovered through the RPP will be \$1 billion lower than the forecast amount. This reduces the GA portion of the RPP from \$87.67/MWh to \$70.39/MWh, and reduces the average supply cost for RPP consumers by about 15 per cent, from \$114.90/MWh to \$97.62/MWh.

The OEB's "Regulated Price Plan Price Report" (April 20, 2017) clarifies that assuming the Fair Hydro Plan legislation passes before the Legislature rises for the summer, the Board will further adjust RPP prices. The Board also clarified that due to a lack of experience with the program changes, the recent changes to the Industrial Conservation Initiative are not incorporated in the RPP prices.

The news release, reports and backgrounder are available on the [OEB website](#).

For more information, please contact the EDA's [Kathi Farmer](#), Senior Regulatory Affairs Advisor at (905) 265-5333.

Thursday is Your Last Chance to Register for Women Connected!

Just a Few Spots Remaining!

On Tuesday, May 9th, the EDA will host one of the industry's most highly acclaimed and sought after events – the fifth annual **Women Connected**. Taking place on May 9 at One King West in Toronto, this year's program, "Empowering Progress," will address how the electricity sector can strengthen its commitment to diversity and equality and support the growth and changing demographics of the industry.

Women Connected attracts highly motivational and inspiring speakers from various industries. This year's excellent roster of speakers will address:

- * Overcoming challenges and becoming a leader
- * Creating an inclusive organizational culture
- * Mindfulness
- * Succeeding in innovation with millennials and Generation Z
- * Solutions to women's advancement

With returning partners Women in Renewable Energy and Women in Electricity, and, welcoming for the first time, Women in Energy Canada, this premier event offers you the opportunity to make lasting connections with your peers, leaders and mentors and gain insightful knowledge to grow yourself professionally and personally.

To view the agenda for this year's event, please [click here](#).

Event Pricing

- * \$365 for members
- * \$465 for non-members

[Register now](#) to reserve your spot.

For more information and to check out last year's event, [click here](#).

For more information on the EDA CON::NECT event series, contact [Marica Macura](#), Director, Member Relations and Events at (905) 265-5346.

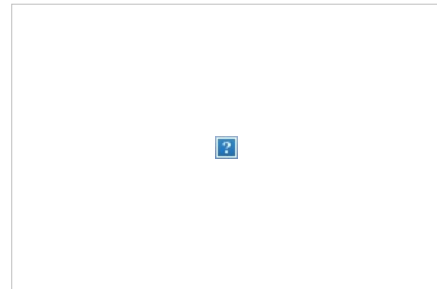
EDA 2017 Directors Summit featured speaker – Fay Booker, Managing Partner, Booker & Associates
One Week Left to Qualify for Early Bird Pricing and Save \$100!

Join your colleagues, board and corporate leaders on Thursday, June 1 at the Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport for the EDA Directors Summit, "Evolving Trends in Governance." This year's summit will focus on the ever-changing nature of organizations and the importance of adapting to stay ahead.

This week's featured speaker is Fay Booker, Managing Partner at Booker & Associates, a boutique consulting firm that works with clients across Canada in the following areas: Corporate Governance, Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), and Operational Effectiveness.

Fay will host a "Governance Bootcamp" which will focus on a few key learning outcomes for directors. This session will equip you with the tools to effectively manage your company and your Board. Topics to be discussed, include:

- * Understanding why the job of a director has certain competency and performance requirements
- * Why people need to learn how to be a director
- * Why literacy in strategy, risk, finance and oversight are required for sound governance
- * The people, practices and information which can affect good governance
- * The continuous evolution of governance



This event provides directors, corporate secretaries and staff who have governance responsibilities with the opportunity to hear from recognized governance experts and thought leaders on best practices and strategies to improve board performance.

[Click here](#) to register for the EDA Directors Summit.

[Click here](#) to view the preliminary agenda for this year's Directors Summit.

Event Pricing

- * \$299 for members and \$399 for non-members by May 8, 2017
- * \$399 for members and \$499 for non-members after May 8, 2017

** Prices do not include HST*

Accommodations

For hotel accommodations, the EDA offers a special rate at the *Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport*, located at 970 Dixon Rd, Etobicoke, ON. Please call 416-674-4343 or email reservations@yyzia.com and mention the Electricity Distributors Association to get your special rate.

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Just launched: Check out the new EBIC event webpage

Building on our commitment to advance innovation in the business and operations of the LDC sector, we launched the new Energy Business Innovation Conference (EBIC) under the umbrella of the EDA [CON:NECT Event Series](#). This will be your one-stop shop for updates on information sessions, speakers, planned activities, hotel information and much more.

The EBIC Conference will be held on October 25 and 26 at the Hilton Meadowvale Hotel in Mississauga. EBIC will pave the way for new technology and other advances in the sector, helping you to stay ahead of the curve and gain a competitive advantage. This event is relevant to everyone in your company as it will address the latest in management, communications, human resources, customer service, finance and regulation.



Make sure to check the website often to stay up-to-date as we gear up for this exciting new event.

You can also join our EBIC email list by [clicking here](#).

Looking forward to seeing everyone there in October!

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EDA welcomes new Commercial, Commercial Plus, Affiliate and Associate members

It is with great pleasure that EDA acknowledges and thanks the following companies for their new membership to the association. Welcome to the EDA!

Commercial Members

- * Blackstone Energy Services Inc.
- * Clearcable
- * DeMarco Allen
- * DPM Energy Inc.
- * EcoSpex
- * **Franklin Energy Services**
- * Hammond
- * Grant Thornton LLP
- * ICSA
- * MS High Voltage

- * NLS Engineering
- * Schneider Electric
- * Surplec Inc.

Commercial Plus Members

- * Infrastructure Energy LLC
- * Systrends

To learn more about these companies, please [click here](#).

Member Highlights

Rodan Energy Recognized As One of Canada's Top Small & Medium Employers for the Third Consecutive year.

Mississauga, ON, April 25, 2017 – A premier energy solutions provider to electricity consumers, distributors, and power producers are thrilled to have been selected for the third consecutive year, one of Canada's top employers for 2017. To be considered for this recognition, Rodan Energy had to exemplify industry-leading traits within the workplace along with a progressive culture, employee empowerment, and career development opportunities. [Read More](#).

East Central Energy Using N-Dimension to Strengthen Cybersecurity Defenses

Addison, Texas – April 10, 2017 – N-Dimension Solutions, a market leading Managed Security Service Provider (MSSP) with innovative solutions that protect smart energy networks from cyber threats, announced East Central Energy (ECE) is now using N-Sentinel Monitoring as an additional layer of cybersecurity protection on their corporate network. N-Sentinel Monitoring operates continuously to identify cybersecurity issues, providing timely alerts and actionable steps for IT staff to take to reduce risk. [Read More](#).

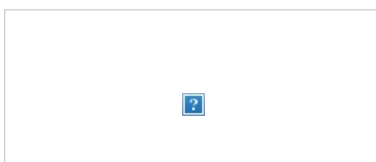
Share Your Company's News With the EDA

We want to hear from you!

The EDA wants to share our Commercial members' industry success within the EDA Community. Send us any news coverage and/or media success and we will share it in each month's Commercial Member Update.

Send a maximum 75 word story that summarizes your company's newsworthy story by the 20th of each month to Kathryn Segal, Coordinator, Marketing & Member Relations at ksegal@eda-on.ca.

Do You Have the Latest EDA Logo?



Did you know that as an LDC, Commercial Plus, Affiliate or Associate member of the EDA, you can use a specially-adapted "Member of" EDA logo on your communications and marketing materials? The EDA encourages its members to use this logo to signal their company's

commitment to collaboratively advance the interests of the LDC sector, and of its customers and stakeholders. Using the logo also helps to reinforce the sector's collective identity and strengthen its voice.

The EDA has also updated the logo since issuing a special edition logo for its 100th anniversary in 2012. If you don't have an EDA logo, or if you have a previous version of the logo, please contact us to request a copy of the licensing agreement. Once you return the agreement to us, a high-resolution version of the logo will be provided along with guidelines on the logo's use. With this licence, members will be able to use the newest version of the EDA logo and any future versions for their entire membership term.

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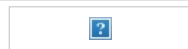
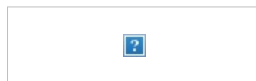
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