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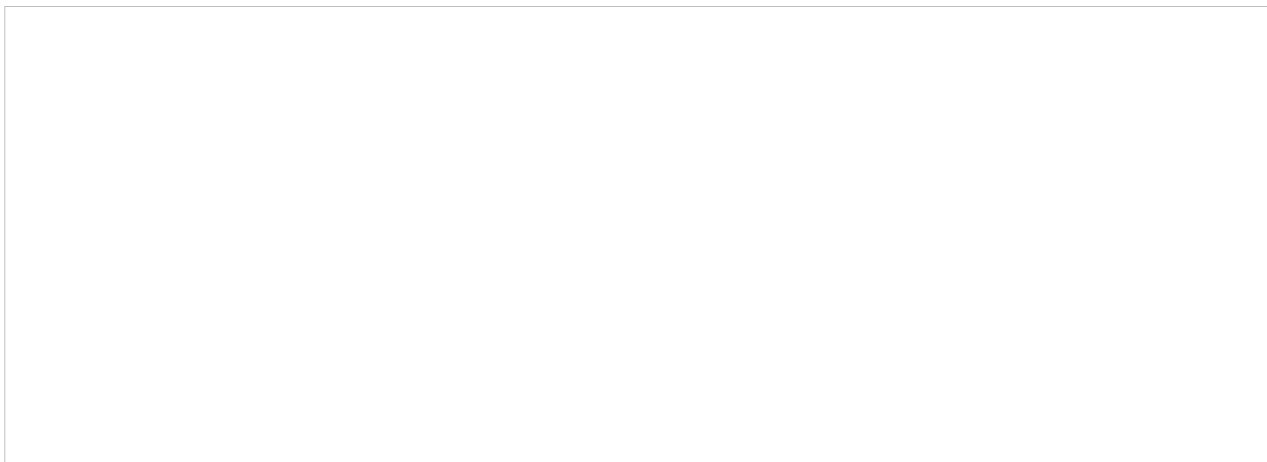
Tuesday, July 4, 2017

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 electricity distribution sector.



Mark your calendars and plan to attend the following 2018 events:





EDA News

[EDA offers context on latest OEB RPP rate announcement](#)

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has reduced the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) rates and, for the first time ever, set the Global Adjustment Modifier, both pursuant to the *Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017*.



The Global Adjustment Modifier was set at -\$32.90/MWh, or -3.29 cents/kWh, and applies to eligible customers who do not pay RPP prices.

As is required by [O Reg 195/17](#), the OEB has based all calculations on the “proxy customer”, a Toronto Hydro residential customer who consumes 750 kWh of electricity on a monthly basis and has a consumption profile of:

- 18 per cent on-peak;
- 17 per cent mid-peak; and
- 65 per cent off-peak.

The OEB calculated a “Total Invoice Amount A” of \$161.16 for the proxy customer using the above described consumption profile and:

- RPP prices effective May 1, 2017;
- Delivery charges per Toronto Hydro’s authorized rates;
- Regulatory charges per Toronto Hydro’s authorized rates except for:
 - Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP), set at the applicable April 30th rates;
 - Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP), set at the applicable April 30th rate; and
- HST (note: the eight per cent discount was not applied).

As required by the legislation, the OEB calculated 75 per cent of invoice A to be \$121.21, a reduction of \$40.40. The OEB then estimated the changes required to achieve a "Target Invoice Amount B" of \$121.21 for the proxy customer:



All changes combined achieve \$15.08 of the target \$40.40 bill reduction. The difference, being \$25.32, was achieved by adjusting the Global Adjustment component of the RPP rates. Specifically, the load-weighted average wholesale costs of electricity of 2.5 cents/kWh of Invoice A was held constant and the Global Adjustment of 8.8 cents/kWh was reduced to 5.5 cents /kWh. The OEB then reflected this lower Global Adjustment in the RPP rates and maintained the pre-existing ratios of the prices between overall on-peak, mid-peak and off-peak periods. The resulting RPP TOU rates are displayed in table 1 above.

The OEB then calculated the Tiered RPP prices, which maintain the pre-existing 15 to 17 per cent difference between the tiers and, on a weighted average basis, are as close as possible to the weighted average RPP TOU prices. The resulting Tiered RPP rates are displayed in table 2 above.

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

Share your innovation success story on our website

To complement the association's *The Power to Connect* vision paper, we launched a new [webpage](#) dedicated to members' innovation success stories, which demonstrate how LDCs and their partners are preparing the electricity system for tomorrow's consumer. Members are encouraged to submit their stories for the website by emailing [Andrea Coelho](#), Coordinator, Corporate Affairs and

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Recent contributions include:

- **Alectra's Oracle Customer Care and Billing** system. Originally implemented by legacy utility, PowerStream, the new system will serve as the common platform across the new utility's broader service territory (a recipient of the 2017 CS Week Expanding Excellence Award).
- **Festival Hydro's** announcement that Stratford will be home to Canada's largest battery storage facility. The facility will have the capacity to supply more than 10,000 homes with electricity for an hour.
- **Hydro Ottawa's social media and video content strategy**, which leverages drone photography, video press conferences and live-streaming services to boost customer engagement and brand awareness (a recipient of the 2017 CS Week Expanding Excellence Award).
- **London Hydro's Interval Data Centre**, which is a self-service energy management app for commercial and industrial electricity customers, designed in-house by London Hydro with six of its key account customers (a recipient of the 2017 CS Week Expanding Excellence Award).

You can also read past issues of the EDA's *The Distributor* Magazine and access Smart Grid Fund and LDC Tomorrow Fund case studies on the webpage.

Celebrate utility innovation and submit your story today. For more information, please contact the EDA's [Andrea Coelho](#), Coordinator, Corporate Affairs and Communications at (905) 265-5323.

Province releases amended Ontario Building Code to support increased use of electric vehicles

The Government of Ontario recently released the amended Ontario Building Code to support the increased adoption of electric vehicles. The changes, which reflect many of the recommendations in the [EDA's submission from 2016](#), apply to workplaces and large buildings (excluding apartments) as well as single family homes.

At least 20 per cent of parking spaces in new large workplaces and other buildings will need electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), while the remaining spots must be designed to permit future EVSE installation. Detached, semi-detached and row houses containing no more than two dwelling units served by a garage, carport or driveway will need to install certain equipment, such as a 200-amp panel board, for future EVSE installation.

These provisions come into effect on January 1, 2018.

The EDA continues to call for regulatory flexibility around issues related to the smart charging capacity of LDCs and their ability to manage loads to help minimize the impact of increased EV charging and electricity costs.

The revised Building Code can be found [here](#). Refer to sections 3.1.21. and 9.34.4. on electrical vehicle charging.

More details are available to LDCs in the [RapidSource section](#) of the EDA website.

For more information, please contact the EDA's [Joyce Mankarios](#), Policy Advisor at (905) 265-5334.

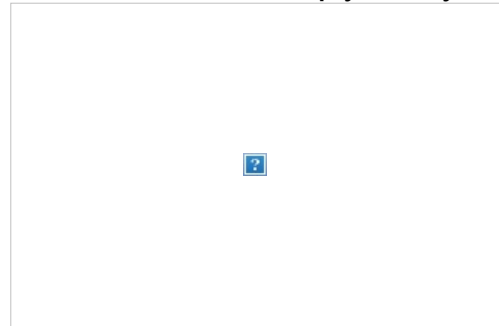
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The EDA's new Energy Business Innovation Conference (EBIC) is kicking into high-gear! All sessions have been finalized and we will share highlights of the program and featured speakers over the coming weeks.

Taking place on October 25 and 26 at the Hilton Meadowvale Hotel in Mississauga, EBIC will address innovation across all areas of the utility business and offer you opportunities to network with thought leaders and gain insights on the latest and greatest in the sector to help you stay ahead and gain a competitive advantage.

This week, we are pleased to announce that Ted Graham, head of Open Innovation at General Motors, will join us to share his insights on how to emerge successfully in an industry on the cusp of disruption.

He is also the former Innovation leader at PwC and a McKinsey Strategy consultant with a focus on understanding and leveraging people networks to influence the spread of ideas.



Registration is now open on the [EDA CON::NECT website](#).

We look forward to seeing everyone there in October!

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

EDIST 2018 – *The Power to Adapt Through Innovation* - Call for Papers!

The EDA's Electricity, Distribution, Information Systems and Technology (EDIST) Conference and Exhibition will boost the electricity sector to new heights, January 17 to 19, 2018.

Dedicated to showcasing advances in engineering, operations and IT in the sector, EDIST brings together innovators and decision makers for thought-provoking sessions and interactive expositions.

This year's theme, "**The Power to Adapt through Innovation**," will explore the customer experience,

technology to connect communities, smart meter implementation, balancing the old with the new and much more!

The Call for Papers has gone out and you can access the form by [clicking here](#) or by visiting the [EDA CON::NECT website](#).



Please return your completed form to Kathryn Segal (ksegal@eda-on.ca) by **August 15th!**

This is an opportunity to share your knowledge with a respected audience of engineering, operations and IT professionals from the electricity sector!

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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 Allan
- DPM Energy Inc.
- EcoSpex
- Franklin Energy Services
- Hammond
- Grant Thornton LLP
- ICSA
- MS High Voltage
- NLS Engineering
- Schneider Electric
- Surplec Inc.

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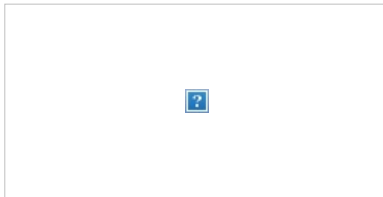
Share Your Company's News With the EDA

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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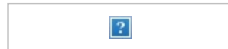


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