

In Case You Missed It: Current EDA News & Events

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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 2017 events:

June 15: EDA EV Forum (Member-only event)
October 25-26: **NEW** EBIC (Energy Business Innovation Conference)

EDA News

Ontario passes the *Fair Hydro Act*

Last week, the government announced the passage of the *Fair Hydro Act, 2017*, which will lower electricity bills by an average of 25 per cent.

As LDC members are aware, the *Fair Hydro Act, 2017* reduces electricity bills for all residential consumers and as many as half a million small businesses and farms. Lower-income Ontarians and those living in eligible rural and northern communities will receive even greater reductions, as much as 40 to 50 per cent, through adjustments to the funding mechanisms of the Ontario Electricity Support Program and Rural or Remote Rate Protection program. Enshrined in the Fair Hydro measures are that rate increases will be held to the rate of inflation for four years.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and Ontario Power Generation (OPG) are now enabled to work together to refinance a portion of the Global Adjustment, resulting in rate reductions.

The EDA will continue to participate, along with LDCs, on the Ministry of Energy's Fair Hydro Plan Working Group to address any outstanding implementation issues. The EDA will also continue to work with government to determine how the LDC sector can actively be involved in the OEB's task of identifying efficiencies in the distribution system as promised in the original Fair Hydro Plan announcement.

Access more information at: [Ontario News Room](#).

The legislation is available at: [Legislature Website](#).

For more information, please contact the EDA's [Derek Nardone](#), Government and Stakeholder Affairs Analyst at (905) 265-5348

[Register today for the EDA Forum – A Practical Review of EVs in Ontario](#)

Register today for the EDA Forum - A Practical Review of EVs in Ontario

Join the EDA on June 15th at the Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre as we explore the future of electric vehicle stations

Last year, the Ontario government announced that it would build 500 electric vehicle charging stations at 250 locations across the province. This initiative is part and parcel of the Climate Change Action Plan which sets out to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Government rules around EV stations present LDCs with the opportunity to play an integral part in the deployment of EV charging locations across the province. The new changes also mean that LDCs can now take a leadership role in promoting electricity conservation and load management.

As the province prepares for this shift towards more sustainable transportation options - the EDA is hosting a member-only Forum that will explore the implications and opportunities for the electricity sector to champion this initiative.

The Forum will provide attendees with practical information and the latest updates on Electric Vehicle Deployment and will equip you with the tools needed to prepare your business.

Discussion topics include:

- Ministry of Transportation discussion on EVs and the climate change action plan, CCAP initiatives, the budget and more
- Planning and impact perspectives of EVs on distribution systems from the IESO
- The emerging business model of EV charging stations in multi-residential buildings
- EV installations
- Challenges and opportunities for LDCs with EVs

To see the full agenda, please [click here](#).

What: Forum - A Practical Review of EVs in Ontario

When: Thursday, June 15, 2017

Time: 7:30AM - 2:30PM

Location: [Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre](#)

How Much: \$425 + HST (breakfast and lunch are included)

To register for the Forum, please [click here](#).

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to gain insight into the future of sustainable vehicle options and be a part of the conversation.

Join the EDA at the First EBIC Conference is October 25-26th

It is difficult if not impossible to talk about energy without mentioning innovation. From the light bulb to unconventional production or clean energy, examples are abound.

But what characterizes innovation in the energy sector? And how is innovation transforming the energy sector?

With the commitment to continuing to showcase the advancement of innovations in the business and operations

of the LDC sector, the EDA launched the newest addition of the [CON:NECT Event Series](#), EBIC - the



Energy Business Innovation Conference.

The EBIC Conference will be held from **October 25-26th 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.

Check the website often to stay up-to-date as we gear up planning for this exciting new event.

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

Looking forward to seeing everyone there in October!

Save-the -Date: 2018 EDA CON:NECT Event Series

The EDA is pleased to announce some of the confirmed dates and locations for our 2018 CON::NECT Event Series.

Make sure to mark your calendar with these important dates and stay tuned for more information on the events and 2018 sponsorship opportunities.



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](#).

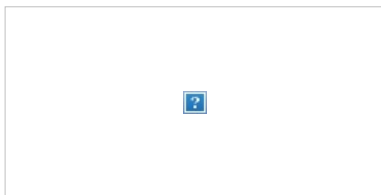
Share Your Company's News With the EDA

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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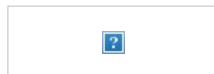
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For more information on the EDA CON::NECT event series, contact [Marica Macura](#), Director, Member Relations and Events at (905) 265-5346. Stay tuned for the 2018 EDA Corporate Sponsorship Package.

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