

LIEN annual conference presentation

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Hello Matt,

As you may know, LIEN is holding its annual conference on May 17 in Kingston this year. We are still looking for someone to do a presentation on "Who Does What on Energy in Ontario: An Explanation of Ontario's Electricity System". Perhaps you could recommend a dynamic person from the Ministry of Energy who would be able to: provide an explanation of the roles, responsibilities, and relationships between the OEB, Ministry of Energy, IESO, LDCs, OPG, EDA etc. and talk about how our energy system is organized (generation and transmission). An infographic would be useful. The session is 30 min long.

Our audience is usually a mix of utilities, government, social service agencies, low-income advocates, environmental groups etc. This year, we anticipate that the participants will be largely comprised of low-income and moderate income people who have been the most impacted by rising energy bills. We're hoping that all of our presenters will speak in plain language and with minimal use of acronyms (though I will provide an acronym list).

Given all the [negative] media attention that electricity rates have been receiving in Ontario, we have decided that the theme of this year's conference is energy literacy. Renewable energy is getting a bad rap and people are caring less and less about climate change and the plight of vulnerable consumers if it means that their bills are going to be impacted. The agenda will focus heavily on consumer energy literacy and include the following topics, from a low-income perspective:

- An Explanation of Ontario's electricity distribution system – the roles/relationships between the OEB, Ministry of Energy, IESO, LDCs etc
- Components of a Typical Residential Electricity Bill in Ontario
- How electricity prices and delivery rates are set
- Why are electricity prices in Ontario rising
- What is Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP)
- What is the true cost of climate change initiatives
- Current energy rate mitigation programs in Ontario

I've attached our draft agenda for your perusal. Please let me know if you're able to assist us.

Many thanks,
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