

ENERGY Policy Tracking

As of: October 25, 2016
For: November 7, 2016 meeting

CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISIONAL UPDATE	
STATUS	TIMING OF NEXT STEPS
1. FIT: microFIT Status	
<u>April 5, 2016</u>: Minister issued direction to IESO on LRP, FIT and microFIT. IESO will cease accepting applications under the microFIT program by December 31st, 2017. The direction also confirmed the 50 MW microFIT procurement target for 2017. <u>April 25, 2016</u>: IESO announced microFIT program pause until new microFIT 4 changes come into effect. <u>June 13, 2016</u>: CanSIA launched a new consumer protection initiative which includes a Solar Business Code of Conduct and a complaint resolution and disciplinary process. <u>June 21, 2016</u>: IESO launched microFIT 4, which includes new consumer protection provisions, permitting in-series metering, as well as the new price tranche for projects up to 6 kW. <u>August 31, 2016</u>: IESO published the 2017 FIT/microFIT price schedule. <u>October 13, 2016</u>: The IESO provided a briefing explaining that new program requirements designed to enhance consumer protection have resulted in longer review timelines for microFIT applications, as well as some terminations for irregularities. The IESO has offered to meet with solar service providers and CanSIA to discuss compliance requirements and the processing protocol.	IESO continues procurement toward the microFIT 2016 target of 50 MW. IESO's latest microFIT report (dated ~~September 2nd~~ October 14th, 2016) indicates that 5 MW has been allocated to the 2016 target, with 45 MW remaining. IESO is arranging a meeting with CanSIA and solar service providers for November 2, 2016 (TBC).
2. FIT	
<u>April 5, 2016</u>: Minister issued direction to IESO on LRP, FIT and microFIT. FIT 5 will have a target of 150 MW and will include any additional capacity resulting from terminated small FIT (10 kW to 500 kW) and microFIT procurements. ~~IESO will publish the FIT 5 target by~~	<u>October 31, 2016</u>: FIT 5 application window opens. <u>November 18, 2016</u>: FIT 5 application window closes.

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December 31st, 2016: June 29, 2016: IESO announced 936 FIT 4 contract offers representing 241.43 MW of generation capacity. August 26, 2016: IESO posted the final FIT 5 program materials. August 31, 2016: IESO published the 2017 FIT/microFIT price schedule. September 21, 2016: IESO published version 5.0.1 of the FIT Rules and Standard definitions and, a table outlining minor changes made for clarity and an updated transmission availability table.	By December 31, 2016: FIT 5 procurement target published (base 150 MW + incremental capacity from terminations). June 2017 (TBC): FIT 5 contract offers to be announced.
3. Support Programs	
Aug 2, 2016: IESO provided Support Programs update briefing. CEPP Review: CEPP review by OIAD complete. IESO has resolved 86 CEPP files with a total recovery of \$885,029. As of July 25th, 2016 there are 30 files left to complete with an unaccounted balance of \$267,205. As of October 18th, IESO has resolved 96 files, with 20 files and \$114,216 outstanding. IESO is working toward closure in Fall 2016. Education and Capacity Building Program (ECB): Ministry approved draft ECB 4.0 rules provided by IESO. Approval was communicated to IESO Energy Partnerships Program (EPP): June 10, 2016: A Minister's direction was issued to IESO to reallocate unspent funds for the 2015 Support Program budget to the 2016 budget for EPP.	CEPP Review: Ministry staff have updated the IESO MOU to include applicable principles and practices from the Transfer Payment Accountability Directive to ensure a risk-based approach is applied to support program management/administration. ECB: Ministry staff provided IESO with DM/MO approved feedback on ECB 4.0 material. IESO has revised program materials to address Ministry comments and Ministry staff are reviewing. ECB call for submissions to open on October 24 and run until December 21st. EPP: IESO to review EPP applications submitted by the week of October 2nd, 2016. IESO working on contract offers over the next two weeks. Contract applicants will have 15 days to countersign. The current batch of applications will be reviewed on December 9.

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<u>June 13, 2016:</u> IESO posted EPP rules. <u>June 27, 2016:</u> IESO opened EPP application window. The EPP is a rolling program with applications accepted throughout the year. For administrative purposes, IESO considers applications in batches. Batch dates are communicated to potential applicants. <u>July 25, 2016:</u> IESO extended the July 22nd, 2016 application period to August 19th, 2016. 4 applications were received.	
4. Large Renewable Procurement (LRP)	
<u>September 27, 2016:</u> IESO was directed to suspend LRP II. <u>Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise</u> MOECC posted its revised Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise on the Environmental Registry on May 2nd, 2016 for a 45-day public comment period which ran until June 16th, 2016.	<u>October 2016:</u> IESO working with LRP II RFQ applicants to return fees. <u>Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise</u> MOECC to publish decision notice regarding revised Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise (timing TBD).
5. NAFTA – Windstream Wolfe Island Shoals	
Windstream arbitration hearing has been completed. <u>September 30, 2016:</u> a Tribunal constituted under NAFTA's Chapter 11 Investor-State Dispute Settlement mechanism, found that Canada was not in compliance with one of its NAFTA Chapter 11 obligations. The Tribunal also awarded damages of \$25,182,900 to Windstream and ordered Canada to pay \$2,912,432 in costs. A non-confidential (public) version of the Tribunal's written Award will be released once the	<u>By October 11, 2016:</u> Ministries are reviewing the confidential version of the Award. Canada must notify the Tribunal whether or not the Award contains confidential information. <u>By October 20, 2016:</u> Canada must indicate what information should be marked as confidential to Windstream. If the Parties are unable to agree, the Tribunal will rule on outstanding items. Once confidentiality issues are settled, the Tribunal will issue a non-confidential version of the Award which will be posted online.

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Parties have agreed on which portions of the written Award should be redacted as confidential.	CLOC and MIT are drafting a briefing note summarizing the award and next steps. Subject to Canada's Confirmation By October 31, 2016: Respondent to pay award. Both parties to make any corrections to award. By December 30, 2016: Deadline for requesting set-aside.
6. Green Energy Investment Agreement (GEIA)	
All of Samsung's Phase 1 and 2 GEIA projects are online, totalling 869 MW of wind and 200 MW of solar. Of the remaining Phase 3 projects (300 MW), Windsor Solar is anticipated to come online in November 2016, and Southgate Solar is anticipated to come online by the end of the year. Samsung is concerned about potential delays affecting its two remaining wind projects, which are already expected to miss the COD deadline at the end of the year. A back feed date of July 1st, 2017 has recently been established for Belle River Wind. An ERT appeal was filed for the North Kent project by Water Wells First, citing concerns about impacts to well water quality. A mediated settlement was reached and the appellant withdrew its appeal on October 5, 2016. As such, the appeal has been dismissed by the ERT, and all GEIA projects have now obtained their REA. The REA approval	~~September 30, 2016:~~ The final report for the 2015 jobs audit is completed. E&Y has confirmed that Samsung has met its 2015 jobs commitment (reported average of 1081.9) and remains eligible for the EDA being paid on its Phase 1 and 2 wind and solar projects. <u>Ongoing:</u> Samsung continues to work with Hydro One and the IESO to finalize a backfeed date for North Kent Wind.

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notice for North Kent Wind was posted to the EBR on June 30th, 2016 for public review until July 15th, 2016. An appeal to the ERT was filed against the project by Water Wells First, citing concerns about impacts to well water quality. As a result of the preliminary hearing, the deadline for filing witness statements has been moved to September 23rd, 2016. The appellant, Samsung and the MOECC will attend ERT mediation on September 30, 2016. Failing mediation, the hearing will begin on October 5th, 2016. <u>2015 Jobs Audit:</u> The final report for the 2015 jobs audit is completed. E&Y has confirmed that Samsung has met its 2015 jobs commitment (reported average of 1081.9) and remains eligible for the EDA being paid on its Phase 1 and 2 wind and solar projects. <u>Manufacturing:</u> CS Wind shut down temporarily on July 25th for what was originally identified to be for a period of six weeks. 320 employees were affected. CS Wind was to fully ramp up production again in mid-September. However, all affected employees have not been brought back due to a shortage of component demand. One production line has been reinstated, with two shifts, resulting in the reinstatement of about 150 employees until 2017. On October 7, 2016, CS Wind laid off approximately 90 employees. Samsung is targeting financial close for its Belle River project on October 21, 2016, after which they would be able to issue a purchase order for components to CS Wind. Some of these employees would then be reinstated in early 2017 to meet this demand. as they were expecting Samsung's purchase order for components for the Belle River Wind Project. However, given that the timeline for financial close of the project has been delayed, only one of the two production lines have been reinstated. The purchase order for Belle River wind is expected in October, however a delay in shipment	

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of steel from Algoma may necessitate employee layoffs until December or January, where affected employees would be expected to be reinstated. These layoffs may affect an estimated 100 employees. Recent layoffs at Canadian Solar's Guelph facility do not impact commitments under the GEIA.	
7. Trillium Litigation	
On November 12th, 2013, the Court of Appeal granted Trillium's appeal solely on the alleged misfeasance of public office. As the matter is currently before the courts, it is strongly advised to avoid making any public comments about the litigation. If in doubt, please seek advice from LSB. On June 18th, 2015, the court granted an order allowing Trillium to amend its Statement of Claim to include allegations of spoliation, i.e., destruction of evidence. Ontario's amended Statement of Defence, which responds to Trillium's amended claim, was submitted July 31st, 2015. On August 28th, 2015, Trillium filed its amended Reply.	CLOC will move for summary judgement in 2017. The trial will begin June 11, 2018.
8. NAFTA – Mesa Power	

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The Tribunal issued its decision on March 31st, 2016. The Tribunal dismissed Mesa's claims against Canada and confirmed Canada was in compliance with its NAFTA Chapter 11 obligations. The Tribunal awarded costs to Canada and decided the claimant should bear all costs of the arbitration, as well as a portion of the costs of Canada's legal defence, for a total of \$2,948,701. Mesa has not yet paid the costs awarded to Canada. On May 3rd, 2016, Mesa wrote to the Tribunal asking that a number of clerical errors in the Award be corrected. On June 13th, 2016, Mesa Power Group, LLC ("Mesa") filed a petition to vacate the Arbitral Award in Washington D.C. under the U.S. Federal Arbitration Act ("FAA"). Mesa is seeking that the Court vacate the Award and remand the matter for further arbitration proceedings before a newly-constituted tribunal. On August 16th, 2016, Canada, through its US counsel, submitted to the US court a petition and memorandum opposing Mesa's request for vacatur of the Tribunal's award. Canada's US counsel submitted response to court on October 24, 2016.	<u>September 26, 2016</u>: Canada received Mesa's response. Policy and LSB currently reviewing. <u>October 2016</u>: Canada's response is due. <u>February 2017</u>: Hearing date TBC
9. Conservation First Framework (2015-2020)	
IESO has conditionally approved all 42 LDC CDM Plans representing 73 LDCs. LDCs began launching new CDM programs under the CFF beginning January 2016 (several pilots have launched.) Approximately 40 unique programs and pilot types have been proposed in LDC CDM plans.	<u>2016</u>: New programs continue to roll out. <u>May 2016 – Ongoing</u>: Communications to public about peaksaver decision. <u>Fall 2016</u>: IESO will continue to work with Enbridge and Union, and

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<u>April 15, 2016</u>: IESO sent an e-blast announcing that the installation of new peaksaver devices will not be funded, however the program for existing devices will be maintained and LDCs will continue to receive funding for maintenance of currently enrolled devices. <u>June 10, 2016</u>: a Minister's direction was issued to the IESO to work with the gas utilities to design, fund and deliver a centrally coordinated province-wide whole home pilot program and pay-for-performance CDM program for multi-site customers. <u>June 30 2016</u>: IESO released Achievable Potential Study.	LDCs on developing whole home pilot. IESO to work with multi-site customers and LDCs to develop a P4P program offer, to be administered by IESO, for multi-site customers.
10. Natural Gas Demand Side Management (DSM) Framework (2015-2020)	
<u>January 20, 2016</u>: OEB issued its decision on DSM plans. New programs began rolling out in summer 2016. ~~OEB has provided an updated deck as follow-up to the briefing.~~ <u>July 4, 2016</u>: OEB released Achievable Potential Study.	<u>2016</u>: New programs continue to roll out. Fall 2016: Enbridge and Union will continue to work with IESO and LDCs on developing a whole home pilot.
11. Green Investment Fund	
<u>June 29, 2016</u>: The Ministry signed separate TPAs with Enbridge and Union (recipients) for the expansion of their home audit and retrofit programs; all funds were provided to the recipients in early July. The Ministry is working with Enbridge and Union on program launch preparation and will be setting up a Steering Committee with representation from the Ministry.	<u>August 2016</u>: ~~MOECC's GIF report back is tracking to Treasury Board.~~ <u>October 2016</u>: ~~Enbridge to soft launch their enhanced home energy audits and retrofit programs (using GIF funding) across the province.~~ <u>October 2016</u>: ~~Union Gas radio and newspaper campaign to begin.~~

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The Ministry is working with CSD and MOECC to prepare a quarterly report back to Treasuring Board on GIF. <u>July 29, 2016</u>: Union Gas soft launch of their enhanced home energy audits and retrofit programs (using GIF funding) across the province. <u>August 17 and August 26, 2016</u>: Ministry staff met with representatives from Enbridge, Union Gas and the oil, propane and wood associations to continue to discuss and identify potential opportunities for collaboration on GIF participant outreach. <u>October 2016</u>: Union Gas radio and newspaper campaign ~~to begin~~. <u>October 18, 2016</u>: Enbridge soft launched their enhanced home energy audits and retrofit programs (using GIF funding) across the province.	~~Fall~~ <u>October 31, 2016</u>: Joint launch event <u>to be held</u> with Enbridge, Union and government representatives ~~to be scheduled~~. <u>Fall 2016</u>: Enbridge and Union are preparing for a GIF marketing campaign to align with heating season as well as the social benchmarking initiative pilot to enhance energy literacy and encourage energy efficiency. <u>Fall 2016</u>: Joint MOECC and ENERGY events are being finalised for the Home Energy Audits and Retrofit program roll out on Nov 1, 2016 in Toronto with Enbridge and Nov 7, 2016 in Sudbury with Union Gas. ENERGY and Union to schedule a potential echo announcement in Sudbury.
12. Helping Residential Consumers Manage Home Heating Bills	
<u>April 11, 2016</u>: IESO formed CFF Heat Pump Working Group with LDCs and held kick-off meeting.	<u>October 2016</u>: IESO to submit report on its heat pump research/program options with recommendations on both near and long term options for the ministry to consider.
13. BPS Energy Conservation & Demand Management Plans (O. Reg. 397/11)	
<u>March 14, 2016</u>: BPS portal opened for 2016 reporting. As of July 15, 661 or 92% of organizations have submitted their annual energy report.	<u>December 2016</u>: Following validation of reported data, ENERGY to post energy consumption data, GHG equivalents and the list of BPS organizations that did not complete this year's requirement on Open Data (to coincide with next OER).

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<u>August 2016</u>: BPS portal closed August 3rd. 698 or 98% of organizations have submitted their annual energy report. This represents the highest reporting level since the program was launched in 2013.	
14. Home Energy Rating & Disclosure at Time of Listing (HER&D)	
<u>May 11, 2016</u>: Cabinet approved, as part of CCAP, that ENERGY will work with MMAH, MIA, MGCS and MOECC to develop a regulation requiring home energy and GHG rating and energy and GHG performance disclosure for new and existing homes at time of sale and report back to Cabinet in 2017 with a plan for implementation in 2019. ENERGY procuring consulting services to support with the development of a HER&D implementation plan. Staff preparing materials to support inaugural for monthly stakeholder working group meetings. <u>September 23, 2016</u>: ADMs working group convened. Working group includes CCAP-minuted ministries. <u>October 20, 2016</u>: Procurement between ENERGY and Dunskey Energy Consulting executed. <u>Mid-October 17 2016</u>: Meeting with stakeholder working group co-chairs to be scheduled.	<u>Early October 2016</u>: ENERGY to finalize procurement of consultant. <u>October 7, 2016</u>: DM, CoS update briefing on HER&D. <u>October 28, 2016</u>: Inaugural stakeholder working group meeting. <u>Late November 2016</u>: Second Stakeholder Working Group meeting to take place. <u>2017</u>: Report back to Cabinet on HER&D proposed implementation plan.
15. Large Building Energy and Water Reporting and Benchmarking	
<u>February 25 – April 15, 2016</u>: EWRB regulation proposal posted to EBR and Regulatory Registry for public comment.	<u>Late Summer/Early Fall 2016</u>: Draft regulation, develop and seek approval on implementation plan including implementation budget

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Ministry staff preparing a deck summarizing stakeholder comments (including MOECC feedback) and decision points based on feedback. <u>June 9, 2016</u>: The <i>Energy Statute Law Amendment Act, 2016</i> (Bill 135) received Royal Assent. <u>August 24, 2016</u>: DM CoS briefing to seek direction on decision points in response to stakeholder feedback to inform development of regulation.	and IT and customer support requirements. <u>October 17 31, 2016</u>: Ministers Briefing on EWRB and Energy Efficiency foundational. <u>November 28, 2016 (TBC)</u>: Seek LRC approval of regulation.
16. Energy Efficiency Standards	
Proposed update to energy efficiency regulation Amendment 21 has been approved for the EBR posting. The proposal includes new and enhanced energy efficiency standards for 10 products and water efficiency standards for 5 energy using products. The EBR/RR posting closed on September 2nd, 2016. ENERGY staff co-chair energy efficiency working groups. Staff worked on the development of a common Standards Framework with B.C. (and NRCan for EMMC) to support national harmonization of efficiency standards, while recognizing regional considerations. <u>Water Efficiency Standards</u> <u>June 9, 2016</u>: the <i>Energy Statute Law Amendment Act, 2016</i> (Bill 135) received Royal Assent. <u>July 18, 2016</u>: Posted proposed amendments on the EBR; included proposed water efficiency standards.	<u>November 28, 2016 (TBC)</u>: Seek LRC approval of regulatory amendments. <u>Fall 2016-Winter 2017</u>: Work with FPTs on implementation of the CES and EMMC Standards Frameworks.

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~~September~~ October 2016: Staff reviewed stakeholder feedback and are prepared in briefing deck on proposed amendments in preparation of draft LRC materials.	
17. Self-Consumption (Net Metering)	
<u>April 27, 2016</u>: Ministry staff met with CanSIA to discuss their Distributed Generation Task Force recommendation report, which includes a proposed path forward for the FIT program as well as recommendations for net metering. <u>July 7, 2016</u>: Minister's foundational briefing re: net metering. <u>July 21, 2016</u>: DM CoS briefing on the proposal decision deck (Minister briefed by CoS). <u>August 19 to October 6, 2016</u>: Program proposal posted on the EBR/RR. October 6, 2016: EBR/RR comment period closed. 33 submissions were received with comments on the proposed updates.	<u>October 6, 2016</u>: EBR/RR posting closes. <u>November 28, 2016</u>: Seek LRC approval of regulation amendments. <u>Fall 2016</u>: ENERGY to initiate consultation on third party ownership and community virtual net metering. <u>Fall 2016</u>: ENERGY to initiate study cost/benefit of investing in the IESO MDM/R to enable TOU billing for residential and general service customers (<50 kW).
18. Municipal Energy Plan (MEP) Program	
To date 168 applications have been approved, representing 29 municipalities across Ontario. ENERGY is currently reviewing has approved applications from the City of Guelph and the City of Toronto. <u>May 11, 2016</u>: The CCAP minute indicates that MOECC will work with MMAH and ENERGY to develop a funding program to support the development of climate action plans and community energy and GHG reduction plans in municipalities and report back to Cabinet in 2016 with program details and a proposed path forward for implementation	October 2016: ENERGY initiating an inter-ministerial working group (including MOEC C and MMA) to support the development of the new MAPP (Municipal Action Plan Program).

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in 2017. This fund will be delivered in coordination with the Municipal Challenge Fund. ENERGY and MOECC staff are proposing to co-lead (with support from MAH) and if approved by Cabinet, ENERGY would lead the delivery of the new community energy planning program. Working in close partnership with MOECC and MAH, ENERGY would leverage its existing MEP program. The program would be delivered in coordination with the proposed Municipal Challenge Fund, to be led by MOECC. The tentative proposed name for the new program is the Municipal Action Plan Program (MAPP).	
19. Demand Response (DR)	
The IESO transitioned DR from a program approach to a market based approach, which included the development of a DR auction and a DR pilot program. <u>April 4, 2016</u>: ENERGY staff held meeting with DR stakeholders to receive feedback on their experience with DR. <u>May 2016 to October 2016</u>: ~390 MW of DR were procured through the auction for this period. <u>September 28, 2016</u>: DM CoS IESO update briefing on Demand Response. <u>November 2016 to April 2017</u>: ~400 MW of DR were procured through the auction for this period.	<u>October 19, 2016</u> TBC: Minister's foundational briefing December 2016: IESO to issue RFP for Brant local DR pilot <u>December 2016</u>: Second DR auction to take place. <u>Ongoing</u>: IESO to continue facilitating DR working group, which will include discussions about removing barriers to residential DR in the annual DR auction, a potential residential DR pilot, and potential longer contract terms.

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20. Energy Comparison / Social Benchmarking Pilots	
Through the end of 2015, the IESO worked with three LDCs (Hydro One, Milton Hydro and Horizon Utilities) to deliver social benchmarking pilot projects. Fall 2015: All pilots have been completed. May 11, 2016: Cabinet approved, as part of the Climate Change Action Plan that ENERGY develop a single portal for energy-related social benchmarking programs for natural gas and electricity, with recognition of the additional energy requirements of homes with electric vehicles, and report back to Cabinet in 2017. To date, IESO has approved three local social benchmarking programs by Hydro One, Horizon Utilities and PowerStream. September 14, 2016: DM CoS IESO update briefing on pilot results.	October 2016: Staff are preparing a CCAP report back work plan outlining next steps for meeting cabinet minute commitments.
21. Conservation and Energy Literacy Education	
The Ministry is providing multi-year funding (2015/16 – 2017/18) to Ontario EcoSchools for a total of \$1,347,000. August 31, 2016: Year-end Annual report delivered to the Ministry. The results outlined in this report are as follows below: 2016 EcoSchools certification was successfully completed with 1,720 schools certified in 2015-16 engaging over 49,000 EcoTeam members and over 865,000 students across the	Ongoing: The Ministry will continue to work with EcoSchools to identify future communications opportunities.

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province. - The number of school boards participating in the program increased from 52 to 55 school boards. 9 of the 12 French-language school boards are now represented in the EcoSchools community. - Of the 1,405 schools that certified in 2014-15, 1,148 (82%) recertified in 2015-16. Over half of the certifying schools (56%) are in their 4th or more year of certification, which demonstrates that schools are staying engaged with the program over time. <u>September 2016:</u> EcoSchools successfully procured an energy dashboard vendor and are currently working with two school boards and 12 schools for launch to students and staff. <u>October 2016:</u> EcoSchools successfully launched the energy dashboard project in two school boards and 12 schools to students and staff, and are currently working on school webinar training.	
22. Barriers to Accessing Energy Efficiency Financing in the Commercial/Institutional Sectors	
<u>March 2016:</u> ENERGY entered into TPA with Sustainable Buildings Canada to support a research project on the use of Local Improvement Charges (LICs) in the commercial, institutional and industrial sectors. EMMC working group is developing developed a paper on EE financing and it will likely indicate highlighted the Investor Confidence Project as a possible solution for EE financing barriers. <u>March 30, 2016:</u> ENERGY signed a letter of commitment to enter into a TPA with Advanced Energy Centre to adopt the Investor Confidence Project to Canada.	Ministry staff engaging with IESO, LDCs, natural gas utilities and the Advanced Energy Centre to address information barriers and promote a voluntary utility led financing program. <u>October/November 2016:</u> AEC and ENERGY staff to discuss Investor Confidence Project governance changes with EDF and GBCI. <u>Fall 2016:</u> ICP TPA with Advanced Energy Centre to be finalized.

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<u>July 19, 2016</u>: DM CoS briefing to provide an update on status of activities to remove barriers to energy efficiency financing. <u>October 5, 2016</u>: Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) announced a formal partnership for the Investor Confidence Project.	
23. MOU with Manitoba	
<u>June 15, 2016</u>: Ontario-Manitoba conference call on MOU. Both parties provided updates on changes to government (MB)/cabinet (ON). Potential new areas for MOU such as information sharing on renewable and low carbon technologies and energy efficiency initiatives discussed at the meeting. The fourth report back, which covers the period October 2015 – April 2016, has been circulated to Ontario's Cabinet/Premier's Offices.	~~October~~ <u>November</u> 2016: Next regular Ontario-Manitoba conference call on MOU.
24. Green Button / Social Benchmarking	
<u>April 27, 2015</u>: Hydro One launched GB CMD pilot with H1 employees. Ministry staff finalized contract with successful RFP bidder (Dunsky) to conduct a cost benefit analysis and facilitate consultations on mandating Green Button for electricity, natural gas and water in the province. <u>Fall 2015</u>: Through the end of 2015, the IESO worked with three LDCs (Hydro One, Milton Hydro and Horizon Utilities) to deliver social benchmarking pilot projects. All pilots have been completed. <u>March-July 2016</u>: Stakeholder consultations on requiring Green Button implementation in Ontario and cost-benefit analysis completed.	<u>Summer – Fall 2016</u>: <u>Final Green Button consultations and cost-benefit analysis report to be completed</u>, Summarize stakeholder feedback, conduct additional research/analysis and develop revised Green Button policy proposal on stakeholder feedback and seek DMO/MO direction on revised policy proposal. <u>TBC</u>: Minister's foundation briefing on Green Button. <u>October 2016</u>: <u>Final Green Button consultations and cost-benefit analysis report to be completed</u>. <u>Winter 2017</u>: Pending outcome of consultations and cost-benefit analysis, ENERGY to seek LRC/Cabinet approval of legislative amendments under the GEA to enable <u>Green Button and single portal</u>

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<u>August 2016:</u> The Green Button Alliance approved the Ministry of Energy as a board member. As a board member, the Ministry will have the opportunity to provide input into developing a Green Button certification program and the evolution of the standard. <u>May 11, 2016:</u> Green Button: Cabinet approved, as part of the Climate Change Action Plan, that ENERGY develop a proposed approach for province-wide implementation of the Green Button program in 2017, and report back to Cabinet in 2017. CCAP includes a commitment to “expand green button province wide” for electricity, natural gas and water consumption data. Social Benchmarking: Cabinet approved, as part of the Climate Change Action Plan, that ENERGY develop a single portal for energy-related social benchmarking programs for natural gas and electricity, with recognition of the additional energy requirements of homes with electric vehicles, and report back to Cabinet in 2017. <u>September 15, 2016:</u> DM CoS briefing on Green Button update	for energy-related social benchmarking programs initiative.
25. Regulated Price Plan (RPP) Review	
The OEB is conducting review of pricing for RPP customers (residential and small business). <u>March 14, 2016:</u> DM CoS briefing with OEB. OEB to engage Ministry on pilot project development. <u>July 18, 2016:</u> The OEB issued a guidance document for price and non-price RPP pilots and has invited LDCs to submit pilot proposals.	<u>October 2016:</u> Ministry staff are considering the OEB’s proposed option to fund RPP pilots and exploring other potential cost recovery options. <u>October 30, 2016:</u> EBR/RR posting closes. <u>November 28 (TBC):</u> Seek LRC approval of proposed amendments to 7-7 regulation to enable OEB to implement RPP pilots.

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<u>August 22, 2016:</u> Deadline for LDCs to submit pilot applications to the OEB. OEB is currently reviewing 7 applications submitted by 13 LDCs. Staff are working with OEB on proposed amendments to O.Reg. 95/05 ("7 to 7" regulation) - to grant OEB flexibility to implement their RPP pilots. Proposed amendments were posted on the EBR/RR on September 15, 2016. <u>September 20, 2016:</u> OEB requested that the Minister of Energy issue an Amending Conservation First Framework to the OEB to allow it to recover the costs of its RPP pilots through GAM.	<u>2016-2020:</u> OEB to work to address and implement key elements of its Roadmap. <u>2016-2018:</u> OEB to work with LDCs to design and implement RPP pilots.
26. Green Bank (Climate Change Action Plan)	
As part of the May 11, 2016 Climate Change Action Plan minute, MOECC was directed by Cabinet to establish a Green Bank. ENERGY is working with MOECC as part of an Inter-Ministerial Green Bank Working Group to help inform the governance and program delivery approach of the Green Bank. <u>August 2016:</u> ENERGY facilitated staff-level meetings for MOECC with IESO and OEB for MOECC to learn about the existing energy efficiency frameworks and programs. <u>August 31, 2016:</u> MOECC presented a Green bank proposal to the Inter-Ministerial Green Bank Working Group. <u>Summer to Fall 2016:</u> ENERGY developed multiple proposals to utilize existing infrastructure and to better align the existing conservation frameworks with CCAP objectives. <u>October 12-14, 2016:</u> ENERGY participated in MOECC's stakeholder consultations on the Green Bank.	<u>October 2017:</u> ENERGY to facilitate staff-level meeting with OEB for MOECC and consultant (PwC). <u>November/December 2016:</u> MOECC's EBR consultation on draft regulation to create the new green bank entity. <u>January/February 2017:</u> MOECC to engage in focused consultation on the new entity's detailed programs and design. <u>January-April 2017:</u> MOECC to seek LRC approval of regulation and seek Cabinet approval for agency establishment.

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October 20, 2016: MOECC Green Bank report back to Cabinet (Minister's Table on Climate Change).	

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1. Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI)	
The Ministry has proposed lowering the ICI threshold to 1 MW, as part of a larger suite of electricity rate mitigation measures. <u>September 12, 2016</u>: Cabinet decision on rate mitigation, including expanding ICI. <u>September 28, 2016</u>: Information related to proposed amendments to O.Reg. 429/04 (i.e., to expand ICI) posted to Regulatory Registry (RR). Comments on the RR posting are due by November 12, 2016.	Staff continue to work with LSB on amending O. Reg 429/04 to lower the ICI threshold to 1 MW and eliminate sectoral restrictions. Staff will also engage IESO and LDCs as necessary. Ministry to continue to explore rate mitigation as part of work/discussions on next LTEP.
2. Capacity Auction	
IESO released a proposed high-level design for an Ontario capacity auction. Currently, IESO is working with stakeholders on a more detailed design. IESO is tentatively targeting 2018/19 for the first auction. Work on capacity auction to proceed as part of IESO's broader Market Renewal project. <u>May 19</u><u>October 3, 2016</u>: IESO updated DM/CoS on the market renewal project. capacity markets, Demand Response Auctions and export pilot.	<u>Ongoing</u>: IESO engaging with stakeholders to develop a Market Renewal work plan and benefits analysis by late 2016/early Q1 2017. ENERGY staff to be observer on Market Renewal Working Group. Next working group date TBD.
3. Capacity Exports	
August 25, 2016: IESO and the New York Independent System Operator signed a memorandum of understanding that facilitates the trading of capacity from Ontario to New York. Further work on capacity exports to proceed as part of IESO's broader Market Renewal project. IESO has encouraged interested parties to come forward with	<u>September 23, 2016</u>: ~~Next capacity exports stakeholder engagement meeting~~ <u>Near-term (by end of 2016)</u>: IESO to support specific projects to export capacity on a transitional basis <u>Long-term</u>: IESO to work on enduring solutions to support broad participation.

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proposed capacity export projects. Further work on The long-term development of capacity exports to proceed as part of IESO's broader will be closely linked to IESO's efforts on Market Renewal, specifically as it relates to the design of an incremental capacity auction project. May 19 October 3, 2016: IESO updated DM/CoS on the market renewal project. capacity markets, DR Auctions and export pilot.	
4. Financial Accountability Officer Requests	
On June 20th, 2016, the Ministry received a request from the Financial Accountability Officer (FAO) for information to evaluate the "market risks" associated with anticipated revenues from Darlington and Bruce refurbishments. <u>July 15, 2016:</u> IESO hosted FAO at IESO offices to review certain schedules to the ARBPRIA. <u>July, 21, 2016:</u> Ministry received a request from the FAO for information related to the cost of electricity generation in Ontario. <u>August 25, 2016:</u> FAO commentary on Home Energy Costs released (Ministry provided feedback on draft FAO commentary). <u>September 2016:</u> IESO and OPG provided information to FAO for a follow-up request seeking additional analysis on alternatives to refurbishment and price sensitivities for performance and off-ramps. <u>September 27, 2016:</u> FAO posted second commentary on Home Energy Costs (Ministry provided feedback on draft FAO commentary).	<u>October 2016:</u> Ministry staff to monitor any further FAO requests to IESO and OPG for information on nuclear refurbishment projects. <u>October 2016 (TBC):</u> Energy to hold initial discussion with FAO regarding cost of generating technologies. <u>Late Fall/Winter 2016:</u> Target date for FAO final reports on nuclear refurbishments and cost of electricity generating technologies.

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5. Darlington Refurbishment Project	
<u>Project Status and Approvals:</u> <u>December 2, 2015:</u> Cabinet approved OPG to proceed with refurbishing the first unit at Darlington. <u>May 27, 2016:</u> OPG filed a five-year nuclear rate application with the OEB including recovery of Darlington refurbishment costs and smoothed nuclear rates. Ministry is monitoring OEB review process. <u>Oversight:</u> <u>December 7, 2015:</u> IO procurement for new oversight advisor closed. MZ Consulting selected as successful proponent. <u>February 22, 2016:</u> Kick-off meeting held with Oversight Advisor and ENERGY/IO/OPG to discuss implementation of oversight structure. <u>May 17, 2016:</u> Oversight Advisor briefing for Minister accompanied by DRC Chair and OPG management. <u>August 4, 2016:</u> OPG project update for DM/CoS <u>August 11/12, 2016:</u> Meetings of DRC/OPG Board, including an approval of the finalized Unit 2 refurbishment budget estimate and funding release. <u>September 14, 2016:</u> OPG briefed Minister on Darlington. <u>October 15, 2016:</u> First unit refurbishment began on Darlington unit 2 (i.e., “breaker-open”).	<u>October 2016:</u> Ministry staff working on a template for the Minister’s OPG Darlington Refurbishment Progress / Risk Tracker. <u>October 2016:</u> FAO request regarding nuclear refurbishments ongoing (see item 4). <u>October 2016:</u> Darlington oversight briefing for Fiscal Prep (TBC). <u>October 15, 2016:</u> First unit refurbishment begins on Darlington unit 2. <u>November 2016:</u> Upcoming DRC meeting. <u>November 30, 2016:</u> OPG quarterly Darlington update for DM/CoS <u>Mid-2017:</u> Expected OEB decision on OPG’s rate application. Ministry to work with OPG to assess ratepayer and financial impacts of the decision in relation to Darlington. <u>Ongoing:</u> OPG and Oversight Advisor to update Ministry on any issues as they arise through the process.

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6. Amended and Restated Bruce Power Refurbishment Implementation Agreement (ARBPRIA)	
<u>December 2, 2015</u>: ARBPRIA and amended Bruce site lease were executed. On December 3rd, 2015, ARBPRIA announcement made. <u>May 2, 2016</u>: OPG/BP briefed the Minister on status of collaboration, as requested in Minister's letter of December 4th, 2015. <u>May 19, 2016</u>: IESO briefed the Minister on its oversight of the ARBPRIA and recent contract price adjustments. <u>August 15, 2016</u>: Michael Rencheck started as new President and CEO of Bruce Power. <u>September 14, 2016</u>: Minister's briefing on the ARBPRIA by IESO. <u>September 16, 2016</u>: Minister's tour of Bruce site. Ministry staff are also meeting monthly with IESO and Bruce Power to discuss emerging issues in implementing the ARBPRIA.	<u>October 2016</u>: FAO request regarding nuclear refurbishments ongoing (see item 4). <u>Fall 2016</u>: OPG to finalize updated rent and waste fees charged to BP under the site lease based on 2017 ONFA Reference Plan cost estimates. <u>2016 and ongoing</u>: IESO to provide periodic updates to the Minister on BP's progress towards first refurbishment, contract price adjustments and emerging risks in accordance with IESO's governance framework for the ARBPRIA. <u>2017</u>: BP to submit CNSC application for 10-year licence renewal.
7. Ongoing Pickering Operation	
<u>December 16, 2015</u>: Cabinet approved OPG's plan to seek the necessary regulatory approvals from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to enable ongoing operation of the Pickering Generating Station up to 2024. <u>May 27, 2016</u>: OPG filed a five-year nuclear rate application with the OEB including recovery of costs to enable ongoing Pickering operation. <u>June 23, 2016</u>: OPG provided an update to DM/CoS on the status of	<u>2016/17</u>: OPG to continue work with OEB and CNSC regarding ongoing Pickering operation to 2024. <u>Q1 of 2017 (TBD)</u>: Ongoing Pickering operation to be included in 2017 LTEP submission to Cabinet. <u>Q2 of 2017 (TBD)</u>: OPG to submit licence renewal application to CNSC. <u>2018 (TBD)</u>: Report back to Cabinet for final approval once OPG has received licence renewal from CNSC.

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activities to enable ongoing Pickering operation. <u>September 14, 2016</u> : Minister's briefing on Pickering by OPG.	
8. OPG's Low and Intermediate Level Waste (LILW) Deep Geological Repository (DGR) Proposal	
<u>February 18, 2016</u>: The federal minister requested that OPG provide additional information on three aspects of the environmental assessment: (1) alternative locations for the project, (2) cumulative environmental effects of the project and (3) an updated list of mitigation commitments for each identified adverse effect under the <i>Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012</i>. <u>April 15, 2016</u>: OPG submitted a plan to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) to complete the additional studies by December 31st, 2016. <u>May 10, 2016</u>: OPG updated the DM/CoS on DGR communications, outreach strategy and potential approaches to "post submission" review by the federal government. <u>June 1, 2016</u>: Minister of Energy wrote to Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change outlining the Ministry's recommended approach to a "post submission" review process of the additional studies. <u>September 7, 2016</u>: CEAA responded to OPG indicating it will conduct an open and transparent review of the additional studies with assistance from federal authorities including the CNSC. The Joint Review Panel will not be re-engaged. <u>September 23, 2016</u>: OPG updated the DM/CoS on the CEAA response, preliminary findings of the additional studies, and	<u>October 25 31, 2016</u>: OPG to brief Minister on DGR update. <u>December 2016</u>: OPG expects to submit additional studies to the federal minister. <u>Q1/2 of 2017</u>: OPG expects a decision from the federal minister (Note: Timing reflects OPG's proposed approach for the "post submission" review process of the additional studies). <u>Ongoing</u>: ENERGY monitoring.

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communications/stakeholder engagement.	
9. Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) DGR Proposal for High Level Nuclear Waste	
Nine Ontario sites remain in the NWMO DGR site selection process. All sites have now completed desktop studies and community engagement in the selection process. Eight Ontario sites have moved forward with advanced technical and social assessments while Central Huron's next phase is anticipated to be initiated pending confirmation of a path forward with the community. NWMO is proposing to select a site in 2023 and have its DGR in service sometime between 2040 and 2045 (revised from previous estimate of 2035). NWMO recently updated their cost estimate to \$22.8 B over the lifetime of the project (revised from previous estimate of \$16-\$24 B). MNRF is responding to NWMO with indicates Ontario's position that provincial permits/licences are inapplicable to NWMO's site assessment work (e.g., borehole drilling). MNRF will instead impose conditions as the owner of Crown land and provide guidance on typical requirements on private land. Ministry staff will monitor. <u>October 4, 2016</u>: MO briefed by the Ministry on MNRF approach. <u>October 6, 2016</u>: MO meeting with PO, MNRF and NWMO on MNRF approach. <u>October 24, 2016</u>: MNRF letter to NWMO to communicate Ontario's position and approach for NWMO site assessment work.	<u>November 14, 2016</u>: Minister's meeting with NWMO. <u>2017</u>: NWMO expected to initiate preliminary geological testing (i.e., borehole drilling) at a few select sites in Ontario. <u>Ongoing</u>: Ministry continues to monitor NWMO process including MNRF arrangements with NWMO related to borehole drilling.

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10. NRCan GoCo Model/CNEA Engagement	
In 2013, the federal government announced its intention to transition the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) to a government-owned contractor-operated entity ("GoCo"). <u>June 25, 2015</u>: the federal government announced that the Canadian National Energy Alliance (CNEA) is the preferred bidder. <u>September 13, 2015</u>: GoCo model was implemented through a long-term contract with CNEA to manage and operate CNL. CNEA prepared a 6-month transition plan. <u>May 31, 2016</u>: the Ministry met with SNC-Lavalin, one of the CNEA Consortium members, to discuss CNEA's 10-year strategy for CNL and the potential for replacing the National Research Universal (NRU) reactor facility with a multi-purpose research reactor to be funded privately. <u>September 22, 2016</u>: Ministry staff met with AECL to discuss the GoCo model from a contract oversight perspective. Ministry has reached out to CNEA for further engagement. The CNEA will continue to operate the NRU facility until October 2018.	<u>Fall 2016 (TBC)</u>: Ministry to meet with CNEA. <u>Fall 2016 (TBC)</u>: Minister's briefing on nuclear innovation and expertise in Ontario, including CNL transformation (GoCo model and CNEA strategic plan).

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11. Cap and Trade	
<u>July 1, 2016</u>: <i>Climate Change Mitigation and Low-Carbon Economy Act, 2016</i> comes into effect. The Act establishes Ontario's emissions targets and provides the legal basis of Ontario's cap and trade program. Note: cap and trade regulation and guideline also in effect this day. <u>June 8, 2016</u>: MOECC publicly released its five-year Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP). The CCAP outlines how cap and trade auction proceeds are to be used in the first compliance period (2017-2020) to fund actions to reduce GHG emissions. Note: On May 11th, 2016, Cabinet approved MOECC's CCAP cabinet minute. The CCAP cabinet minute stipulates that MOECC and partner ministries are to report back to Cabinet/TB throughout late 2016-2017 with recommended approaches for delivering various CCAP items. <u>September 12, 2016</u>: Cabinet decision on rate mitigation, including recycling cap and trade proceeds for commercial and industrial consumers to meet the 2016 Budget and CCAP commitments. <u>September 26, 2016</u>: OEB issues its <i>Regulatory Framework for the Assessment of Costs of Natural Gas Utilities' Cap and Trade Activities</i>. October 14, 2016 and November 2, 2016: DM and SoC briefings on the options for proceeds recycling.	Cap and Trade (Ongoing): MOECC continues to work with Ministry, IESO and OEB on cap and trade design elements, CCAP, use of auction proceeds, electricity sector analysis, electricity imports and regulatory framework for natural gas suppliers, the treatment of CHP and engaging with stakeholders. <u>November 2016 (TBD)</u>: ENERGY and MOECC to report back to Cabinet on option for cap and trade proceeds recycling for commercial and industrial electricity consumers. November 15, 2016: The OEB expects natural gas utilities to file their initial Compliance Plans for 2017. The one-year period will provide the utilities with an opportunity to become familiar with the OEB's Regulatory Framework and fine tune their cap and trade compliance estimates for the subsequent compliance plans. Note: The Compliance Plans will determine the rate impact for natural gas customers. <u>2016 (TBD)</u>: ENERGY to develop legislation, amend regulation(s) and/or direct the OEB to amend the licenses of LDCs and the IESO to facilitate proceeds recycling. <u>January 1, 2017</u>: Cap and trade program begins. Climate Change Action Plan (Ongoing): <u>Summer Fall 2016</u>: ENERGY continues to move forward with ENERGY

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	led/supported items. Meetings with MOECC on a biweekly basis. ~~October~~/November 2016: MOECC-led process on assessing initiatives for GGRA funding, MOECC Minister evaluation, PRRT.
12. Proposed Environment Canada Regulation	
<u>Late 2014</u>: Environment Canada (EC) raised the possibility of a regulation on the emissions from new natural gas-fired generation and gas conversions with ENERGY and MOECC. <u>May 15, 2015</u>: Environment Canada announced the commitment of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030, and the development of new regulations for new natural gas-fired electricity generators. <u>June 16, 2015</u>: ENERGY sent letter to former federal Minister requesting update on next steps from EC. <u>March 21, 2016</u>: A letter was sent to the federal environment minister seeking an update on the status of the proposed regulations.	Ministry continues to monitor for federal government response to letter sent March 21, 2016.
13. Energy East and the Eastern Mainline Pipeline Projects (collectively EE)	
<u>April 20, 2016</u>: Cabinet agreed to ENERGY's proposed Initial Strategic Framework (ISF) approach, which could include intervention at the NEB, engagement with TransCanada and engagement in intergovernmental forums. <u>May 17, 2016</u>: TransCanada filed its consolidated application. <u>June 16, 2016</u>: The NEB announced that TransCanada's Energy East application is complete.	Energy East Process Ongoing implementation of Initial Strategic Framework: - ENERGY experts continue to review TransCanada application; - ENERGY to prepare for NEB hearings, including initial development of Information Requests (IRs); - ENERGY to prepare approach/materials in support of engagement with TransCanada;

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<u>July 20, 2016</u>: NEB issued hearing order for Energy East. <u>August 15 and 23, 2016</u>: Respectively, Algonquin to Adirondacks Collaborative (A2A) and Aroland First Nation filed motions requesting revisions to the scope of the NEB's environmental review (i.e., concerning treatment of electricity transmission connections and other matters). On August 24th, 2016, the NEB determined it will establish a written process to consider the motions. <u>September 7, 2016</u>: Ministry of Energy's external counsel filed a response to the A2A and Aroland motions on the scope of the NEB's environmental review. <u>September 9, 2016</u>: NEB advised that the three (3) members of the Panel reviewing Energy East voluntarily recused themselves. The NEB review process for Energy East is adjourned until a new panel is appointed. The federal NRCan Minister has advised in a letter to the Minister of Energy dated September 23, 2016 that seven temporary NEB members will be appointed in the next several weeks, and they will determine the next steps to advance the review. <u>October 20, 2016</u>: Federal government announced the appointment of four (4) temporary members to the NEB, for potential assignment by the NEB to carry out community and Indigenous engagement along the Energy East route. Three additional members are being recruited and are expected to be appointed in the coming weeks and to be assigned to the Energy East review Panel. <u>October 20, 2016</u>: Minister was provided with an update in Energy East.	- ENERGY to continue to engage with Quebec and other governments; and - ENERGY to continue to engage with other ministries. <u>October 2016 (TBD)</u>: NEB to issue its findings on the motions regarding the scope of the NEB's environmental review. <u>October 2016</u>: ~~New NEB members expected to be appointed~~ <u>Fall 2016 – Spring 2017 (TBC)</u>: NEB public consultations (Note: This is a new process). <u>January – April 2017 (TBC)</u>: Written portion of NEB proceeding. <u>June – August 2017 (TBC)</u>: Oral hearing: Cross examination. <u>September – October 2017 (TBC)</u>: Draft conditions and Comments process. <u>October – November 2017 (TBC)</u>: Final Argument. <u>March 2018</u>: NEB issues report to federal government. <u>September 2018</u>: Federal government to issue decision.

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<u>November 1, 2016</u>: TransCanada briefed CoS on Mainline Open Season, which concludes November 10, 2016. ENERGY continues to work with consultants to analyze issues related to pipeline safety, environmental protection, natural gas impacts and economic impacts. ENERGY has established an Energy East directors technical working group.	
14. Enbridge Line 10	
<u>December 4, 2015</u>: Enbridge filed its Line 10 application with the NEB. <u>February 17, 2016</u>: NEB issued its Hearing Order outlining the regulatory process for Line 10. <u>March 9, 2016</u>: ENERGY applied to participate in the regulatory process for Line 10 as an intervener. On April 4th, 2016, NEB granted ENERGY intervener status. Note: This filing did not commit ENERGY to participate in the Line 10 hearing process; it simply allowed ENERGY to maintain its option to participate in the future. <u>May – July, 2016</u>: Written hearing process (information requests to and responses from Enbridge). Filing of intervenor evidence. Ontario monitored. <u>June 28, 2016</u>: Community Meeting in Hamilton. <u>October 19, 2016</u>: Oral hearing concluded in Hamilton. Ontario monitored.	Ongoing: ENERGY continues to monitor developments regulatory proceeding, ~~coordinate with other ministries, and participate as required.~~ <u>May 17, 2017</u>: NEB's Decision deadline for Line 10. <u>October 18, 2016</u>: Oral portion of hearing (i.e., cross examination and final argument) begins in Hamilton, ON.
15. Canadian Energy Strategy (CES)	
<u>July 17, 2015</u>: Premiers approved and released CES at the 2015 Council of the Federation meeting in Newfoundland and Labrador. From summer 2015 to summer 2016, Ontario worked with PTs to	Ongoing 2016: ENERGY to continue to participate in CES working groups. Further direction regarding next steps for CES expected to come from CO-MIA.

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implement CES initiatives and explore options to engage federal government. <u>July 22, 2016</u>: Provinces and Territories updated Premiers on progress made under CES. Premiers provided direction on future areas for CES implementation, including areas for federal collaboration, and directed Ministers to report back on their implementation work with the federal government in advance of the Fall 2016 First Ministers' meeting. <u>August 8, 2016</u>: DM/CoS briefing on CES. <u>August 23, 2016</u>: EMMC Communiqué indicated that the PT Ministers welcome collaboration of the federal government on CES work in the areas of: <i>energy efficiency, energy technology / innovation, energy delivery and reducing diesel use in remote communities</i>, to contribute to developing the First Ministers' Pan-Canadian Framework on Climate Change (PCF). <u>Mid-October</u> November 2, 2016 (TBC): DMs' teleconference to review draft CES Progress Report to Premiers on CES implementation collaboration and work with the federal government that can support the First Ministers' PCF.	~~<u>October 3, 2016</u>: ADMs' teleconference to discuss draft CES progress report to Premiers on CES implementation work with the federal government that can support the First Ministers' PCF.~~ ~~<u>Late-October</u>~~ Early November 2016 (TBC): Energy Ministers' teleconference to review draft CES Progress Report on CES collaboration to Premiers. ~~<u>Late-November</u>~~ October-2016 (TBC): CES Progress Report on CES collaboration submitted for review by Premiers at COF. Early November 2016 (TBC): CES Progress Report on CES collaboration submitted for review by First Ministers at their Fall 2016 meeting.
16. EMMC and Inter-Provincial Update	
The 2016 Energy and Mines Ministers Conference (EMMC) was held August 21–23, 2016 in Winnipeg, MB. ~~<u>March 18, 2016</u>: FPT DMs approved the agenda and Public Confidence theme for the 2016 EMMC. DMs also discussed the~~	The 2017 Energy and Mines Ministers Conference (EMMC) will be held August 27–30, 2017 in St. Andrews, NB.

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federal government's role in the CES. <u>April 26, 2016</u>: FPT ADMs discussed EMMC deliverables, letter to the federal Minister re: CES, federal budget and supporting the Vancouver Declaration process. <u>May 5, 2016</u>: Updated DM / CoS on interprovincial work plan (including EMMC). <u>June 8–9, 2016</u>: Public confidence workshop in Winnipeg, MB. ENERGY staff attended. <u>July 7, 2016</u>: Minister's briefing on EMMC. <u>July 12, 2016</u>: DMs' final scheduled call on EMMC planning. <u>August 21, 2016</u>: ADMs met in Winnipeg prior to EMMC. <u>August 23, 2016</u>: Following EMMC, FPT Energy Ministers issued a communiqué. PT Ministers also welcomed collaboration of the federal government on CES work in the areas of: <i>energy efficiency, energy technology/innovation, energy delivery and reducing diesel use in remote communities</i>, to contribute to developing the First Ministers' Pan-Canadian Framework on Climate Change. <u>Mid-October</u> <u>November 2, 2016 (TBC)</u>: NRCan to hold <u>held</u> DMs' call (joint with Mines) to approve proposed areas of collective action towards EMMC 2017. (Note: On the same call DMs reviewed draft CES Report).	
17. Ontario – Newfoundland and Labrador Working Group	

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At the July 2015 EMMC, a finalized Terms of Reference and status update was presented to Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) energy Ministers. <u>February 11, 2016</u>: Ontario and NL bilateral held at February Ottawa PT energy ministers meeting to discuss electricity trade and present interim report. <u>February 22, 2016</u>: ENERGY/IESO updated PO on CES, Energy East, and Interprovincial Electricity Trade (including NL). Note: On April 17th, 2016, Nalcor CEO and the Nalcor Board of Directors resigned. Stan Marshall, the former president and CEO of Fortis Inc., is the new Nalcor CEO. On April 22nd, 2016, an interim board of directors was announced. <u>August 22, 2016</u>: Ontario and NL Energy Ministers held a bilateral meeting on the side of EMMC 2016 to discuss electricity trade opportunities.	<u>Ongoing</u>: Following Nalcor's reorganization, Ministry has re-engaged NL/Nalcor to prepare the final report to Ministers on electricity trade opportunities. <u>~~October~~ November 2016 (TBC)</u>: Minister's briefing. <u>December 2016</u>: Ministry and NL final report to Ministers due, in collaboration with IESO and Nalcor. <u>2017 (TBD)</u>: ENERGY and IESO to meet with NL and Nalcor to discuss report and potential next steps.
18. Ontario – Quebec Working Group	
<u>Electricity Trade:</u> At the September 2015 Joint Cabinet Meeting, ON-QC Ministers signed an MOU on medium-term electricity trade agreement. <u>August 5, 2016</u>: HQEM sent a letter to IESO to confirm an agreement on the principal terms of a medium-term electricity transaction. <u>September 26, 2016</u>: Ontario and Quebec Energy Ministers held a meeting to discuss the agreement in principle and the upcoming Joint Cabinet Meeting, amongst other items.	<u>Ongoing</u>: - HQ, IESO, IO to work collaboratively to finalize detailed contract language by the end of 2016. - ENERGY/IO finalizing MOU for IO's services in electricity trade discussions. - The terms of reference for the Energy East technical working group are being developed. Quebec to develop first draft and share with Ontario. <u>October 21, 2016</u>: HQ, IESO, and IO to present details of the electricity trade agreement in principal to joint Ontario and Quebec

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<u>October 21, 2016:</u> Details of the electricity trade agreement presented at Joint Cabinet Meeting. Ontario and Quebec Premiers endorsed agreement-in-principle and will direct IESO/IO/HQ to proceed with finalizing the agreement. <u>Energy East:</u> At the April 14, 2016 ON-QC meeting of Energy Ministers, Ontario and Quebec agreed to establish a technical working group on Energy East. Through the working group, Ontario and Quebec will work to identify and develop common positions where appropriate for use at the NEB hearings and in intergovernmental forums. The group will also facilitate further collaboration on long-term economic benefits and pipeline safety. At the May 31st, 2016 meeting, Ontario and Quebec Energy Ministers endorsed the joint technical working group's mandate and requested a report back by December 2016.	cabinets. Ontario and Quebec Premiers to endorse agreement-in-principle and direct IESO/IO/HQ to proceed with finalizing the agreement. <u>December 1, 2016 (TBC):</u> Pending final negotiations approval from both provinces, IESO and HQ to execute electricity trade agreement. <u>By December 2016:</u> Energy East Technical Working Group to have identified common positions.

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1. Monitoring Hydro One Share Performance	
H stock trading well post-IPO (\$25.9924.43 October 24th September 29th close, up from \$20.50 IPO price). Introduced into the S&P TSX Composite Index and the FTSE All-World Index on June 17th resulting in 17.5M share volume on the day (highest trading day since IPO). Along with the April 2016 secondary offering, which doubled the public float of shares, has helped to increase market visibility and trading volumes for Hydro One shares. Q2 results released August 12th, 2016. Q2 adjusted EPS was \$0.26, up from Q2 2015 (\$0.22), and exceeding analyst consensus of \$0.23 (range \$0.21-\$0.25). Following the results, RBC, TD and Scotiabank increased their price targets for Hydro One shares. One analyst is estimating that the OEB's ROE reset for 2017 is set to decline to 8.77% (from 9.19%), which could apply some pressure on the share price but does not materially impact this analyst's overall positive views.	Cash Dividend of \$0.21 per share payable on September 30th. Next expected Quarterly Dividend declaration date November 10, 2016 to be payable December 30, 2016. Hydro One's Q3 release is scheduled for November 11, 2016
2. Monitoring Hydro One Governance Requirements	
The Province entered into a Governance Agreement with Hydro One specifying certain restrictions and practises which must be followed with respect to voting, governance standards, ability to acquire shares in the future, etc. The Ministry, working with external legal is monitoring Hydro One to ensure this agreement is complied with, and will advise the Minister on any specific events as they arise. Annual General Meeting took place on May 31st, 2016. All Directors were re-appointed and votes on auditors and compensation were	Province and Hydro One to exchange Nomination Notices at least 60 days prior to the date proxy solicitation materials are mailed for the next AGM. Hydro One to notify the Province of the Nomination Deadline at least 20 days prior to the Nomination Deadline.

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passed. Province, via Torys, filed an application with the OSC for Exemptive Relief for the purchase of Hydro One shares by Provincial GBEs, agencies and other associated entities (e.g. ONFA).	
3. Secondary Offerings	
The Province offered 72,434,800 common shares at \$23.65 per share for total gross proceeds of approximately \$1.7 billion. The Province granted an over-allotment option to the underwriters to purchase up to an additional 10,865,200 common shares, which was exercised on April 29th, bringing the total proceeds to approximately \$2 billion. The Ministry reported back on the results of the secondary offering to TB (September 13th) and Cabinet (September 28th).	The Ministry is developing options and timelines for future share sale strategies and is planning to report back to TB/MBC in early 2017. Minister and EIAC meeting scheduled for November 21st. The Ministry is developing a business case to procure a Special Advisor on Fairness and Transparency in order to provide advice and oversight on future offerings.
4. COO Engagement	
Ministry reported back to TB (September 13th) and - Cabinet (September 28th) on the results of the negotiation and obtained approval for the deal. Funding: Phase 1 TPA has been amended upwards from \$352,000 to \$1.2 million for the time frame of September 1, 2015 to March 31st, 2016. COO has provided additional detail on all costs up to March 31st, 2016 in support of a multi-phased TPA approach. COO is revising their funding proposal for Phase 2 of negotiations that would provide funding support from April 1, 2016 until March 31,	Province to develop a phase II TPA covering all legal and financial costs relating to the Hydro One table from April 1st, 2016 to March 31st, 2017. COO is revising the Phase 2 funding request upwards to accommodate increased costs associated with the extending the time frame to March 31, 2017. The Ministry anticipates receiving the revised request by November 2016. The Province and COO are tracking to have key documents in final form by November 24-25, 2016 to correspond with the Chief's Special Assembly In order to facilitate approvals the Province will develop a regulation to enable reporting of the value conveyed to First Nations through the

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2017. COO has submitted a funding request to support the Grievance Table process. <u>Term Sheet:</u> A term sheet for the agreement in principle was settled on July 11th, 2016. <u>Negotiation:</u> COO and the Province reached an agreement in principle on June 16th, 2016, and received ratification of the terms at the Chiefs-In-Assembly meeting on June 29th, 2016. COO and the Province met on ~~September 28-29~~ October 18 and 26 to continue discussions on definitive agreements	share sale. The Ministry of Energy working through PRRT will seek appropriation for cash and share disbursements assuming financial close in 2017/18. Aim is to finalize agreements for the Chiefs Committee on Energy to report on the final terms of the agreement at the Chiefs in Assembly (November 22-23). In order to meet this deadline, the Province and COO have agreed to settle terms of the document, subject to approval by November 2nd. COO is aiming to approve the final agreements in April 2017 at a First Nation's Assembly, and settle equity allocations by June 2017. First Nations would sign on after equity allocations are settled. COO and the Province continue meeting to discuss definitive agreements
5. Métis Nation of Ontario Engagement	
In June 2015, the Minister received a letter from the new President of MNO requesting a meeting to discuss MNO's interests in broadening the ownership of Hydro One The Ministry of Energy's received an initial negotiating mandate for MNO in January. ~~The Ministry had an initial discussion with MNO's lead negotiator in mid-August, and again in early September. In addition to discussing capacity support, Infinity and Energy staff discussed timing for a first meeting of negotiating teams, and comfort with Torys acting for the Province.~~ The Minister sent a letter to MNO President Margaret Froh regarding	~~The Ministry's negotiating team had its initial meeting with MNO on Monday, October 3, 2016.~~ The next negotiating meeting with MNO is tentatively scheduled for November 14, 2016. Meeting with MNO President Froh and Minister of Energy to be scheduled. Ministry staff are considering MNO's request for capacity support and will work with MNO to finalize a TPA for this purpose.

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capacity funding and a continued commitment to discussions. MNO has shared a first draft request for ~\$300,000 in capacity support for external legal and financial expertise, but has subsequently indicated that its estimated costs may be increasing and it hopes to provide an update after the initial negotiation meeting. Ministry reported back to TB (September 13th) and Cabinet (September 28th) and obtained a revised mandate for discussions with MNO. The Ministry's negotiating team had meetings with MNO on October 3 and 24 to discuss proposed negotiating parameters and objectives.	
6. OPG Business Plan	
OPG submitted its 2016-2018 Board-approved business plan to the Ministry on March 8th, 2016; a revised plan was submitted on May 19th. OPG is one of the agencies captured under the Broader Public Sector Executive Compensation Act that authorises TBS to issue directives to designated employers to establish compensation frameworks applicable to their executives. In January 2016, OPG submitted a proposal to Ministry staff to slowly migrate their capital structure to 50% debt, and 50% equity by 2025, using an independent borrowing platform. The Proposal is one option for indirectly adjusting the effective rate of return for OPG. Shakerhill Partners has prepared an interim report on OPG on capital structure and financing. OPG, TBS, Energy and Advisory Council met regarding executive compensation on July 26th. OPG, MoF, Energy and Advisory Council met regarding the borrowing	Meetings will inform next steps. Ministry of Energy is developing a policy submission for options and recommendations on aligning OPG's executive compensation framework with TBS' regulation requirements. OPG is conducting analysis on various options under consideration. The Premier's Advisory Council on Government Assets, with support from Treasury Board and an external advisor, is reviewing OPG's compensation plan to ensure that the plan cost effectively, meets OPG's overall objectives.

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platform on August 11th. Ontario's executive compensation framework regulation came into force on September 6th under the <i>Broader Public Sector Accountability Act</i>. Fiscal prep meeting took place September 21st, 2016. Treasury Board meeting took place September 27th, 2016. Cabinet meeting took place October 5th. DM/CoS/OPG mtg. on executive compensation took place October 5th. Meeting on Executive Compensation between Energy, TBS, OPG and advisors on October 11th in order to ensure OPG is compliant with the regulation	
7. OPG Real Estate	
OPG's head office: The 2014 Ontario budget indicated the Province will move forward with plans to divest OPG's head office. A pre-qualified, two stage request for offers has been recommended as the most appropriate disposition strategy. Real estate briefing with OPG was scheduled for October 3rd. Redevelopment of former OPG site Inspiration Lakeview: Currently, OPG/IO is considering a strategy for divestment of lands. IO has provided a divestment strategy to OPG for review, including recommendations on transaction options (brokered sale vs. request for proposal) to assist OPG in its decision-making and path forward. In late February, 2016, IO provided a revised disposition strategy to OPG that considers a request from the City to secure part of the	OPG's head office: The sale is expected take place in the next fiscal year. Redevelopment of former OPG site Inspiration Lakeview: Mid-2016 – OPG Board decision on the divestment strategy is expected. Hearn: OPG to proceed with sale to Studios of Americas, with anticipated closing date in the first quarter of 2017.

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Lakeview site – approximately 50 acres in total – through a Crown severance. The remaining lands would be sold through a broker-led process through a fixed price, single transaction. OPG has provided the Ministry with a note on Lakeview. The Minister of Energy has requested that MEDEI direct Ontario Infrastructure and Land Corporation to provide advisory and implementations services to OPG in regards to the Lakeview land disposal that would be completed in September 2017, or earlier. On June 9th, 2016, OPG received a Shareholder Declaration and Resolution that requires the Company to sell its former Lakeview GS site located in Mississauga, Ontario. On Sept 13th, 2016 Deputy Minister Zegarac wrote to ENERGY confirming the Minister of Infrastructure’s approval and letter of direction to IO providing it with the authority to advise on and assist with the disposition of the former Lakeview GS. Real estate briefing with OPG took place October 3rd.	

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1. Long-Term Energy Plan 2017	
The LTEP Coordinating Team - with Directors from across the Ministry - continues to meet weekly. The Team continues to discuss initial stakeholder consultation, Indigenous engagement, and Discussion Guide writing efforts. LTEP development will follow the process described in Bill 135. The bill received Royal Assent June 9th and was proclaimed into force on July 1st, 2016. The IESO released its Ontario Planning Outlook, which will serve as the baseline technical document for the LTEP and engagements. A Fuels Sector Working Group— with representation from Enbridge, Union, and associations – has been formed to support the development of the fuels sector technical report that will feed into the LTEP. The fuels sector technical report was released on September 30th. ADMs’ Forum first meeting on September 9th, 2016. ~~DM/CoS update on October 7th, 2016.~~ LTEP Discussion Guide and Environmental Registry Notice posted on October 13, 2016 and would close Dec 16. Staff from Comms, DMO, and SNAP/ESP/CRED are currently preparing materials and making travel arrangements for the first set of engagement sessions. First Indigenous LTEP session successfully held on Oct. 20. Enthusiastic participation with conversation focusing on nuclear, transmission billing issues and rates. ~~October 2016: Planned start of LTEP stakeholder consultations (starting on Oct 24)~~ and Indigenous engagements ~~(starting~~ started	~~October 11, 2016: Stakeholder invitations sent out for consultation sessions, and News Release issued~~ ~~October 13: Discussion Guide posted on Ministry of Energy website and EBR posting goes live~~ ~~October 18, 2016: Minister’s Briefing~~ ~~October 19, 2016: PO briefing on LTEP~~ ~~November 23, 2016: LTEP briefing at JEP MTCC~~ ~~November 16, 2016: LTEP Cabinet briefing~~

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2. Merge Co / Hydro One Brampton	
Upon transfer of Hydro One Brampton's shares to Brampton Holdco on August 31st, 2015, the Province is now indirectly the sole shareholder and became in effect responsible for ensuring appropriate management and governance is in place for both Brampton Holdco and HOBNI. MAAD application was filed with the OEB on April 15th, 2016. The OEB issued Procedural Order #1 on June 15th, 2016 setting out a preliminary schedule for the first steps of the hearing, made determinations on applications for intervenor status, and provided confidential status to commercial information. On June 30th, 2016, the OEB issued a Decision approving the Issues List for the hearing. Intervenors and OEB Staff filed Interrogatories or Information Requests (IRs) for the MAAD Applicants by July 6th, 2016, written responses to all interrogatories by July 27th, 2016. The hearing was suspended on September 9th due to an administrative issue with the application, which has since been resolved, with a new hearing schedule issued. An oral hearing was held during September and concluded on September 26, 2016. Final Argument from OEB Staff and intervenors have been submitted and the applicants submitted their Reply Argument on October 18, 2016	~~Based on the new schedule, final submissions will now be done in writing and must be submitted by October 7th. Intervenors must respond by October 14th. Tracking a final decision by late 2016.~~ The OEB will now review the submissions and issue a Decision. OEB staff have advised that it is unlikely that the OEB will release a decision in this case before the new year. The applicants have asked for an extension to their Share Purchase Agreement due to the process that needs to be done when and if a positive Decision has been delivered. Activities that start after the Decision will take approximately one month. For Brampton Distribution HoldCo. The Minister to implement the governance and reporting requirements identified by Legal (and TORYS).

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The OEB is not expected to render its Decision until the end of the year. The applicants have applied for an extension of the closing dates in their purchase agreements to accommodate the closing processes. Governance of Brampton Distribution HoldCo and its subsidiary, HOBNI. Until the closing of the sale of Brampton, the Ministry will continue to monitor the governance of Brampton HoldCo and HOBNI. Ministry staff, in consultation with Legal, is identifying all the actions required to ensure good agency governance practices and reporting in the oversight of HoldCo and its subsidiary HOBNI.	
3. OEB Enhancements and Energy Consumer Protection Act (ECPA)	
The OEB's report on Part II of the ECPA "Consumers Come First" was released on June 1st, 2015. Amendments to the ECPA and the OEBA were introduced to the House as Bill 112, <i>Strengthening Consumer Protection and Electricity System Oversight Act, 2015</i> on June 2nd. Bill 112 received Royal Assent on December 3rd, 2015. Amendments to the OEBA and regulations made under the OEBA to support Bill 112 came into force on March 4, 2016. Amendments to the ECPA and regulations made under the ECPA will be proclaimed into force on January 1st, 2017. Minister's briefing has held on October 3rd.	OEB to develop/revise necessary codes and other regulatory instruments to put in place necessary framework for new ECPA rules to come into force on January 1st, 2017. Updates to OEB codes have been posted on the OEB website for stakeholder comment.
4. OEB Legislation	

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OEB has proposed potential legislative or regulatory changes intended to facilitate the achievement of Government Policy and protect the interests of consumers. Energy has 8 items included in MEDEL's Burden Reduction Bill, approved by Cabinet. Burden Reduction Bill introduced June 9. Minister's briefing took place August 3rd. The Bill died due to prorogation and was re-introduced on September 27th as Bill 27.	Bill 27 is likely to be scheduled for 2nd reading sometime in the fall.
5. IESO MOU	
The current IESO MOU, signed in April 2015, is in effect for 5 years. ENERGY is opening the MOU for review and update for 3 key policy items: • Strengthening the administration and management of current and future IESO funding programs • The IESO's role in Bill 135, which has been proclaimed into force on July 1st. • Need for timely and advance communication with Ministry on IESO public release of significant developments and programs. DM, CoS Meeting took place August 2nd. Revised draft shared with MO week of August 8th. Revised MOU was sent to IESO in August, response from IESO received	Ministry seeks Revised MOU sent to reach a finalised IESO MOU and expected to come forward for Minister's signature by end of 2016. Minister approval this fall.

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Oct 19 th . Staff are reviewing IESO comments with LSB.	
6. IESO Business Plan 2017-19	
IESO submitted its annual business plan (2017-19) to the Ministry on September 2nd, 2016. Under the Electricity Act, the Minister may approve the plan or refer the plan back to IESO for further consideration. IESO is required to submit a fee application to the OEB by November 1st, 2017, but it cannot do so without the minister's approval of the business plan.	Ministry staff are reviewing the business plan. No mandated timeline for Minister's approval of the business plan. Timely approval will enable the IESO to make a fee application to the OEB. A letter would be signed by the Minister on his decision for approval of the proposed business plan.
7. Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)	
The Federal government exempted from income amounts received under the OESP. In addition, MCSS will ensure that Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) payments are not reduced due to OESP funding. OEB has advised it will add kidney dialysis to list of medical devices, although this has not yet been announced publicly. Inclusion of Inuit to indigenous communities eligible for enhanced sliding scale also planned but not yet announced publicly. Royal Assent of federal budget bill occurred on June 22nd.	Ministry understands the OEB plans to add kidney dialysis to list of medical devices, although this has not yet been announced publicly- and timing is TBD. OEB worked with MOHLTC to identify other medical devices for OESP higher level of assistance coverage. Inclusion of Inuit to indigenous communities eligible for enhanced sliding scale also planned but not yet announced publicly; and timing is TBD. Implementation of these changes is expected January 1, 2017.
8. Ontario Energy Report	
The Ontario Energy Report was launched on December 19th, 2014. The quarterly publication is posted online and consists of reports (in	The Q3 report will be released in December.

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both French and English) on Electricity and Oil and Natural Gas data. The Q2 OER was released on September 22 nd .	
9. Emerging Trends Roundtable / Mowat Transfer Payment Agreement	
Emerging Trends Roundtables are a series of events convening Ontario's energy leadership to discuss the implications of emerging technological, economic, social, and policy trends on the energy system. Events are intended to advance understanding of emerging opportunities and potentially transformative developments and inform the direction of the ministry's research activity. The second Minister's Emerging Trends Roundtable with the topic "Energy Innovation and Transformation under the Deep Decarbonisation Paradigm" was held on May 31st. Ministry sent Mowat a notice of TPA termination on July 19th and as of August 19th the TPA is officially terminated. The ministry has engaged Internal Audit (IA) to support the determination of wind-down costs. IA held an initial meeting with Mowat on September 15, 2016 and has presented Mowat with three requests for information.	Ministry staffs are compiling lessons learned from the May 31st Roundtable and are developing options for a third Roundtable (date TBC). IA will provide the Ministry with an updated timeframe and preliminary audit findings to review at the end of October once requested documentation from Mowat has been received.
10. Climate Change Adaptation	
The purpose of the Working Group is to provide a forum for discussion and information sharing on the topic of climate change adaptation including active work being undertaken in the electricity sector in Ontario. The Working Group will specifically focus on existing research activities, reports and actions that are relevant to the Ontario electricity system. The group met four times throughout 2014 and 2015 to discuss adaptation actions in the electricity sector. As a follow-up to the adaptation working group, which met four times throughout 2014 and 2015 to discuss adaptation actions in the	Ministry staff are working with MOECC to inform the provincial strategy and action and to include initiatives related to climate change adaptation in the energy sector. Ministry staff are in discussion with energy agencies to understand any new and ongoing initiatives that support adaptation and may inform the provincial strategy. Adaptation in the energy sector can take many forms, but has historically been captured as the technologies, projects or other actions that seek to improve system reliability, flexibility and

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electricity sector, the Ministry continues to engage agencies and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC). In 2014 and 2015, the Ministry convened a working group of energy agencies to discuss adaptation actions in the electricity sector. The Ministry continues to engage agencies and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) to monitor and report on adaptation-related activities. MOECC is initiating the development of a government-wide Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan for Ontario, to be released in 2017. This initiative supports recent government direction and also builds on the previous provincial strategy, Climate Ready 2011-2014. A DM/CoS briefing on Climate Change Adaptation has been scheduled for October 26th.	emergency response. Minister's briefing scheduled for October 24th November 29th.
13. New Northwest Bulk Transmission Line (between Thunder Bay and Dryden)	
Ministry met with Hydro One to discuss interest in designating NW Bulk as a 'priority project'. Hydro One has started preliminary discussions with MOECC re: draft EA Terms of Reference. IESO held a preliminary briefing on the cost-benefit analysis study with Hydro One and the Ministry staff on October 5th – additional information is needed from Hydro One and IESO to complete the report and lay out the recommended option.	To inform the "need date" for a future OIC, IESO is conducting a cost-benefit analysis, similar to analysis completed for the East-West Tie. This work is expected to be complete in November September and wouldn't affect timelines given that line is not expected in service until post-2020. Ministry continues to discuss with IESO. An Aboriginal consultation MOU with Hydro One for the Northwest Bulk Line has been signed.
14. East-West Tie (EWT) Project Development	
An OIC designating the East West Tie as a priority, under new powers from Bill 112, was approved by LRC on March 4th, 2016.	Nextbridge plans to file for Leave to Construct in early 2017. HONI will be submitting its own Leave to Construct for station work at the same

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NextBridge's equity agreement with Bamkushwada LP is nearing finalization and contracting strategy underway. Once equity agreement finalized, will submit ALGP application. NextBridge remains in discussions with MNO about participation options. NextBridge has issued an RFP to 3 contractors. The RFP encourages sub-contracting opportunities with First Nation and Métis businesses. MNO has raised concerns with NextBridge and ENERGY that the RFP disadvantages the MNO. Energy has advised the MNO and NextBridge that it does not interfere with business to business dealings. ENERGY will continue to engage MNO and NextBridge as appropriate to clarify the Crown's assessment of the strength of the Métis claims in the project area.	time.
15. Remote First Nation Community Connection Planning / New Line to Pickle Lake	
On September 1st, the OEB released a new webpage outlining their actions on Priority Transmission Projects. The page highlights the steps being taken by the OEB, including Watay's licence amendment. September 6th, 2016, ENERGY held first regular monthly meeting with Watay to discuss project progress. Meetings will continue to be held monthly on the first Tuesday of each month. Sagatay Transmission LP, Mishkeegogamang FN and Ojbiway Nation of Saugeen are reportedly continuing discussions with respect to Mish and Saugeen's participation in Watay, with several meetings held between the parties. Ministry staff were not successful at arranging a consultation meeting with the Métis Nation of Ontario's Region 1 consultation committee (wrt Pickle Lake portion of remotes connection project only). MNO	DM invited to participate and discuss cost sharing of this project as a part of broad discussion in October of indigenous priority projects with Federal and Provincial DMs and Clerk of PCO. DMO to reach out to INAC and NRCan to set up subsequent Deputy level WG meeting. ENERGY to continue regular (monthly) meetings with Watay to track project progress. Next meeting scheduled for November 8, 2016 ENERGY will continue to work with Hydro One and other Ontario Ministries to ensure that capacity and project approval issues are managed for the Pikangikum connection project. ENERGY is working with MNRF, MOECC, MOI and Watay to finalize a

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wrote to the Ministry on June 10th, and once again communicated expectations for consultation with their potentially affected communities, including the provision of honoraria. A dedicated discussion with Watay to finalize the MOU took place September 28th, 2016.	memorandum of understanding (MOU) delegating the procedural aspects of the duty to consult to Watay for Phase 1 (line to Pickle Lake), Phase 2 (remote connections), and Watay's expedited connection of Pikangikum First Nation. Watay indicates that it expects to take the MOU back for community review in early November and has also requested a separate meeting about the status of McDowell Lake.
16. Advanced Energy Centre	
The AEC continues to demonstrate progress on its core activities: community energy, energy data access, utility transformation, and international programming. The Centre has launched a revenue generation and partnership program with the aim to become fiscally self-sustaining by March 2018. The Centre has also established a Partner Council Forum for partner institutions to share challenges, best practices, and consider ways to advance energy innovation. In the coming months the AEC is working with Navigant Research to publish the <i>'Future of Microgrids'</i> report series, which will forecast if and when microgrids will be developed on commercial terms in Ontario's energy system. They have invited ENERGY to participate in the Steering Committee which will provide strategic direction on their approach.	<u>October 17, 2016</u>: Next Advisory Board meeting. <u>November 1, 2016</u>: Next quarterly report due. <u>December 12, 2016</u>: Next partners' council meeting. <u>January 11, 2017</u>: Next Advisory Board meeting.
17. Smart Grid Fund	
Round 1 projects are expected to complete by the end of 2016. The Round 2 projects are scheduled to complete by the end of the fiscal year.	<u>Remaining</u> round 3 TPAs are expected to be signed by Fall 2016. ~~IREC conference workshop showcasing SGF projects on the morning of October 24th.~~

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Several round 3 project agreements are nearly finalized. Utilismart (London) and SPARQ (Ottawa) Transfer Payment Agreements are executed. The most advanced are SPARQ (Ottawa), Utilismart (London), and Opus One (Richmond Hill). An SGF workshop is being was held on the morning of Monday, October 24th at the International Conference on Integration of Renewable and Distributed Energy Resources (IRED), which will showcased a number of SGF projects. Program agenda is finalized and participants have been confirmed.	
18. Storage	
The RFP for a distribution-level ‘value of storage’ study is complete. Essex Energy, an affiliate of the LDC Essex Powerlines, was selected to complete the study. October 14 2016 – Essex Energy provided a status report on progress to date. Work on this report is on time and to budget. Stakeholder consultation and knowledge gathering is complete. Ministry and ESO have re-engaged to determine main regulatory barriers for storage on the electricity system. ESO shared ‘top’ issues with the Ministry. Agencies have been engaged for follow-up meetings to help provide analysis and a path forward on barriers. Energy Storage Ontario has rebranded as Energy Storage Canada (ESC). Although this formally extends their remit across the country, they are Ontario based and are primarily focused on energy storage activity in Ontario.	Study completion targeted for November Fall 2016. Ministry/IESO/OEB/ESC planning to meet to discuss barriers in November October.
19. Cybersecurity	

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The OEB has developed a detailed work plan to enhance cyber security processes and monitoring at the distribution level. The OEB has established a Steering committee of LDC CEOs and a Working group to help with the guidelines that are to be developed for the LDCs. The OEB is on track to have the guidelines and amendments completed for the end of 2016 with implementation in the first quarter of 2017. Phase II and Phase III of this initiative will progress throughout 2017. The Ministry is working with the OEB as well as the IESO and other stakeholders to monitor the current activities and to ensure that the energy sector is on track to be protected against any cyber-attacks. The OEB briefed the DM, CoS on its progress in mid-October, and the Minister on October 24th. The OEB is developing a detailed guideline to support the distribution sector to ensure that processes are in place to enhance the cyber security of the LDC. Meetings have been held with the Steering committee and the Working group over the summer with a final meeting in the fall to review the guideline and then send out for comments.	The OEB has developed a detailed work plan to enhance cyber security processes and monitoring at the distribution level. First meeting took place June 30th and more meetings are being scheduled by the OEB. The OEB will brief DM, CoS in mid-October, and the Minister on its progress on October 24th. The first phase of the Cyber Security monitoring process will be implemented the first quarter of 2017. The IESO is holding a Cyber Security event with a group of industry executives on Nov. 17th to discuss Ontario's status.
20. Price Mitigation	
Throne speech on September 12th announced a number of initiatives to reduce electricity bills for consumers across Ontario. Including: Provide an 8% rebate equal to the provincial portion of HST to	~~Ministry to create a WG with LDCs to discuss timing and implementation issues.~~ Ministry held a WG session on Oct 6th with LDCs to discuss timing, implementation issues and concerns. Feedback was acknowledged and encouraged and the Ministry asked for further input to be sent to

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consumers eligible for the Regulated Price Plan (i.e., residential, small business and farms) and update the Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP) program to provide relief to rural customers; - Expand ICI eligibility, by lowering the threshold to 1 MW, to provide support to Class B electricity consumers (i.e., commercial, institutional and small industrial); and - Redirect cap and trade proceeds to commercial and industrial electricity consumers to provide a modest reduction in rates. A number of regulations will need to be developed to implement these initiatives by January 1st 2017. Ministry staff will also be working with stakeholders to ensure implementation by January 1st 2017 (e.g. LDC billing system updates, working with IESO/OEB/H1, etc.).	the Regulatory Registry. ~~Initiate drafting of regulations under new legislation and amending RRRP regulation. If Bill 13 is passed,~~ Staff are drafting an LRC submission with proposed regulatory changes that could ~~Ministry will~~ track direct to Cabinet for November 16. Posting is up on the Regulatory Registry and will close Nov 12. ~~Staff continue to work with LSB on amending O. Reg 429/04 to lower the ICI threshold to 1 MW and eliminate sectoral restrictions.~~ See ESP items 1 and 11 above for more information on ICI and cap and trade, respectively. ~~Targeting Cabinet November 16.~~ The Ministry is working with the OFA and IESO on an MOU to provide support for delivery of the rebate, similar to the support provided during the OCEB.
21. Indigenous Support Programs	
Under the Aboriginal Community Energy Plan (ACEP) program, over half of the First Nations (89) in Ontario have received funding (approx. \$8M committed). IESO has received 13 final community energy plans from the first round of ACEP funding.	The next ACEP evaluation is taking place November 14-18, 2016. IESO and Ministry to continue discussions about potential ACEP workshop/forum with First Nations, to share learnings and explore linkages for LTEP update. For updates on EPP and ECB see CRED's Support Programs section – Item #3.
22. Energy Table with First Nation Leaders	

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At the April 21, 2016 First Nations-Ontario Energy Table meeting, the Minister committed to consider the impact of delivery charges on First Nations and investigate opportunities to address. On June 27th, 2016, the Ministry of Energy directed the OEB to examine and report back with advice on options for an appropriate electricity rate (or rate assistance) for on-reserve First Nations electricity consumers (“First Nations Rate”). On June 27th, 2016, the Minister met with the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Political Confederacy to discuss energy issues. The Ministry was pleased to relay that progress was being made with Six Nations of the Grand River and Constance Lake First Nation on the energy-related grievances they had brought forward. The Ministry also indicated it looked forward to hearing the results of COO’s energy grievance survey, in order to further inform Grievance Table work. The OEB, in coordination with the Chiefs of Ontario, ~~are planning to hold~~ held engagement sessions regarding options for a First Nations Rate on: • September 28 - London • September 29 - Fort Frances • October 5 – Sudbury • October 11/12 – Toronto • October 19 - Thunder Bay	•
23. Dialogue with Métis Communities	
Minister suggested providing an opportunity for MNO to dialogue with the Ministry and agencies in a manner similar to First Nations energy forum. Given existing staff-level working relationships, Energy emailed President Gary Lipinski to scope MNO’s interest. An ADM/MNO meeting occurred on June 22nd, 2015. ADM and MNO	

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discussed setting up regular meetings to discuss energy issues. DM attended MNO Annual Meeting on August 21-22, 2015. MNO email received on October 19th, 2015 following up on Minister's offer to meet to discuss sale of Hydro One. Response sent from the Minister on October 29th, 2015. A congratulatory letter to the newly elected MNO President Margaret Froh was sent on July 13th, 2016, including an offer to meet to discuss issues of mutual interest. MNO has raised concerns with NextBridge and ENERGY re: the EWT (note above in #5).	
24. Efforts to Reduce Diesel Use in FN Communities that are not economic to connect to the grid	
ENERGY has executed agreement with OPG via the Smart Grid Fund for an advanced microgrid project in Gull Bay First Nation. An agreement for a similar project in Weenusk First Nation has been finalized and is with Canadian Solar, the project lead, for signature. These projects are funded through the Green Investment Fund. On August 14th, 2015, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corp. announced \$2.5 M will be provided to Fort Severn First Nation for the construction of a solar/wind project and remote micro-grid. Additional funding is expected from FedNor and Industry Canada. Direction to IESO for Whitesand PPA issued December 14th, 2015. Whitesand informed the Ministry about concerns with IESO PPA negotiations and requests for direction language changes. Whitesand has been advised that the Ministry is not prepared to consider enhancements to the direction at this time and encourages further discussions with IESO to finalize an agreement. Ministry met with IESO	TPA signing with Canadian Solar is on hold pending the outcome of discussions with First Nations to address what happens with the microgrid after the project concludes – Canadian Solar seeking to reach agreement with community prior to executing TPA. Ontario is cooperating with other Pan-Canadian Task Force working group members to plan a Pan-Canadian Summit to be held in Winnipeg on November 14-16. Ministry staff will have opportunity to meet Fort Severn Chief and Council and receive a tour of the project at the LTEP session scheduled in Fort Severn for Nov 3/4.

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on September 7th for update on PPA negotiations. IESO flagged that it is taking longer than expected as Whitesand (WFN) needs to refine technical aspects of project before PPA can be finalized. IESO met with WFN on September 13th. WFN advised that it is proposing an increase of up to 90,000 tonnes/year in pellet volume. IESO is meeting with WFN in approx. 2 weeks to discuss remaining details of term sheet. MNRF has advised ENERGY that is reviewing options to assist WFN in reducing wood supply costs. Pan-Canadian Task Force ADM-level call held on September 14th. Representatives from all jurisdictions supported Summit planning to date, supported joint funding of the event by all participating jurisdictions. Invitations expected to be distributed to identified participants from all jurisdictions in the coming weeks. IESO's Energy Partnerships Program includes a dedicated funding stream for the four un-connectable communities. Application intake for EPP began on June 27th, 2016. Whitesand has submitted an application but it was not approved due to missing/inconsistent information in application. IESO staff working with Whitesand to resubmit.	
25. Grand Council Treaty 3 Concerns	
The inaugural GCT3/Energy (ADM Level) table meeting was held on November 23rd in Toronto. Numerous attempts via email and phone calls to engage Ogichidaa White and GCT#3 Executive Director to discuss capacity and subsequent GCT3 Energy Table meetings have been made by Energy	Confirm date and location for next GCT3-Energy Table meeting, and capacity needs for participation.

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staff throughout March and April. These outreach attempts have resulted in no tangible outcomes or unanswered messages. A congratulatory letter from the Minister to newly elected Grand Chief Kavanaugh sent June 10th; a supplementary congratulatory letter from ADM Michael Reid sent June 13th, expressing interest in reinvigorating the GCT3 Energy Table. Introductory letter from Minister Thibeault to Ogichidaa Kavanaugh pending, reconfirming commitment of \$20,000 in capacity support and desire to schedule next Energy Table meeting.	
26. MDM/R	
IESO has initiated a multi-organizational working group to inform the implementation plan for the OEB order on the SME licence. The working group is on track to meet targets. With the Privacy consultant's first round of work completed, its report on how SME can meet licence conditions within existing regulatory framework and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has reviewed / concurred with results. Several LDCs have begun the process of uploading the new, non-personal data fields into the MDMR. On September 30th, the SME submitted its licence renewal to the OEB, including the implementation plan to provide third party access to depersonalized information. The OEB's review of the plan is expected	~~Ministry drafting regulatory package related to the integration of Toronto Hydro.~~ Fall - Winter 2016: OEB to review Implementation Plan for third party access and SME licence renewal. January 1, 2017: Implementation of enhanced MDMR.

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to be completed by the end of 2016. Significant progress with utilities on technical aspects of implementation. Focus is now finding solutions for third party access of enhanced MDMR data. This is required for OEB to make another licence decision (the last licence renewal was only for one year). The SME's implementation plan indicates that Toronto Hydro has yet to indicate its intent to integrate into the MDMR. Ministry staff has drafted a regulatory package related to Toronto Hydro's integration. The Ministry is currently scoping what an RFI would look like for the proposed MDAP project. A legal framework for addressing FIPPA customer notification requirements is also being developed.	
27. Exporting Ontario's Energy Expertise	
~~DM briefing held on Sept. 26th to provide updates on recent and upcoming energy trade activities.~~ Energy is supporting supported several incoming and outgoing missions throughout Fall 2016 in partnership with its trade network (Ministry of International Trade, Global Affairs Canada, Advanced Energy Centre, etc.). For example, the Ministry met with energy executives from India, Norway, Taiwan and the Philippines. Ministry staff also presented at the Mexico Renewable Energy Sector Seminar (Oct. 2016) and Canadian Nuclear Association Fall Seminar (Oct. 2016). Energy continues to engage stakeholders to scope discuss further activities that could be undertaken to drive increased exports and raise international awareness of Ontario's energy brand. The Advanced Energy Centre chairs has been chairing the Network of Ontario Energy Associations (following the initial meeting led by the Deputy Minister in November 2015). The Network provided the	November 7: Date for DMO/MO briefing on next steps, including a focus on renewables as a key sector for proposed new activities. TBD. ~~October 17, 2016~~ January 2017: Next Network of Ontario Energy Associations meeting.

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Ministry with a report of recommendations in July 2016, which helped inform a set of proposed new activities that will be presented to the Deputy Minister. A final version of the Association's report with recommendations for promoting Ontario energy expertise abroad was provided to the Ministry in July and will help inform the Ministry's activities.	
28. Electric Vehicles	
Two CCAP electric vehicle initiatives will be led by Ministry of Energy – an overnight charging incentive program and a roadmap for “vehicle-to-grid” applications. Overnight Charging consultations began in July and will carry on through early October through a stakeholder working group composed of LDCs, agencies, and key ministry partners. Individual engagements with other stakeholders (e.g., unit sub-meter providers) will take place concurrently. The Overnight Charging Working Group held its first meeting on 22 September. Based on feedback from this meeting, ENERGY is developing a program to use data from existing smart meters to verify overnight charging and provide rebates to participating customers. A final report from the Power Providers EV Working Group will be submitted to support the LTEP process. Report expected to include top 5 recommendations on supporting integration of EVs on the distribution system, along with additional recommendations for ENERGY and other ministries involved in EV policy / programs. DM, CoS briefing took place on October 4th.	Final report of the Power Providers EV Working Group: originally expected mid- September; now expected in mid-November. Report-backs for CCAP EV projects. Overnight Charging working group: additional a second meetings (if required) will be scheduled held in October mid-November. Cabinet / Treasury Board report-back for CCAP overnight charging: date TBD. Power Providers EV Working Group final report: early October (currently overdue).

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29. COO Grievance Table	
Chief Ava Hill will be the point of contact for the Grievance Table and will be the liaison between ENERGY and First Nations who self-identify as having grievances. The initial meeting between ENERGY and Chief White-Eye occurred on October 14, 2016. Chief White-Eye of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation has identified issues related to an expired Hydro One permit and a land claim related to a linear infrastructure corridor which hosts a Hydro One transmission line. has asked to begin meetings related to grievances with Hydro One. Chief White-Eye has indicated her preference to have resolution of the outstanding Hydro One permit by October 2017.	Continue working with Constance Lake on their grievance issues – see SNAP Item 31. Work with the COO Grievance Table Committee to determine general Grievance Table process. DM Meeting with Chief Whiteeye, Chippewas of the Thames is scheduled for October 17th. Chief White-Eye to meet with Hydro One in early November 2016 to begin discussions on expired permit. Second meeting with ENERGY to be scheduled after the meeting with Hydro One.
30. Niagara Reinforcement Project	
SNEC and the Ministry most recently met on August October 4th, 2016 to discuss options to move forward with the completion of NRP. the Project and how that may enhance the development of a framework to address historical grievances identified by SNEC. SNEC has indicated they would move forward to sign a NDA with Hydro One to advance commercial discussions. SNEC also had a meeting with HONI and Samsung on August 4th, 2016	Six Nations Elected Council (SNEC) has indicated that it needs provincial guarantees on a renewable energy set aside in order to pursue the completion of the Niagara Reinforcement Project. Ministry working to analyze options for supporting completion of the line, including capacity funding or other supports -, and will continue to discuss issue with MIRR, OEB and Hydro One as necessary. 57th Annual General Elections for Six Nations of the Grand River is on

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regarding completion of the Project and other opportunities for SNEC, such as their partnership with Samsung and opportunities for set aside contracts. SNEC and the Ministry have highlighted the importance of timelines regarding this project and Hydro One has been informed that the line could be completed by January 2017. Six Nations Elected Council (SNEC) has indicated that it needs provincial guarantees on a renewable energy set-aside in order to pursue the completion of the Niagara Reinforcement Project. The Ministry has informed SNEC that this is not possible. Deputy Minister met with Chief Ava Hill October 4th, 2016.	November 19, 2016 Ministry to monitor SNEC discussions with Hydro One and reach out to SNEC post-election. DM, CoS Meeting scheduled for October 6th. Deputy Minister scheduled to meet with Chief Ava Hill again in early – mid October.
31. Constance Lake First Nation Working Group	
First TPA disbursement issued. DM Richardson, DM Imbrogno and Chief Allen met on September 20th on ‘report back’ deck on information gathered and to initiate preliminary discussion about options for moving forward. MIRR, ENERGY and CLFN working group meeting on a bi-monthly basis to advance Framework Agreement deliverables. Working group meetings held on October 5 and 6 to discuss potential	Next working group meeting scheduled for October 5/6 will focus on exploring potential options. DM, CoS briefing to take place October 6th. Governance Committee meeting to be scheduled in December for presentation of options developed by Working Group. Decision-making to take place in January, prior to Term of end of the Framework Agreement ends which is January 31st, 2017.

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options. A technical subcommittee is being set up for detailed analysis. Legal discussions continue.	
32. Regional Planning	
IESO recently presented updates on West of Thunder Bay sub-region (within the Northwest Ontario region). Highlights: • No major needs identified under the reference scenario. • Working group will explore options and monitor demand growth to determine when investment decisions on Dryden 115kV sub-system will be required. • Bulk and distribution level planning will address other needs. Final West of Thunder Bay report was release July 27th, 2016.	IESO will continue to brief ENERGY as studies/reports are completed.
33. Microgrids	
MOECC CCAP minute identified ENERGY and MIRR as working with MOECC on a microgrid program proposal, with a report back in 2016. Ministry is holding preliminary conversations with MIRR, MOECC and stakeholders, and exploring options for program scope, design and priorities. Meeting with MIRR and MOECC on October 13, 2016 for preliminary run-through of Energy's proposed approach.	DM, CoS briefing scheduled for November 1st. ~~SNAP preparing program options for briefing with MO on October 13th.~~
34. Public Accounts Committee	
The DM has been invited to the Public Accounts Committee to discuss the AG's Electricity Power System Planning report.	Prepare an update to the status report on the AG's recommendations Committee meeting scheduled for November 16 (TBC).
35. OCEB Accrual	
The Ministry set up an accrual of \$52.7M to cover anticipated Ontario	Determine whether a full Treasury Board submission would be

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Clean Energy Benefit (OCEB) claims in 2016-17. Only \$3.5M remains for OCEB use. There is some risk that the next set of monthly claims could exceed this amount. The cut-off date for accepting self-declaration forms for multi-residential customers and those with medical devices was July 1, 2016. Some LDCs have been delayed in processing self-declaration forms. Thus, the Ministry has continued to receive claims for multi-unit complexes, followed up on claims that appeared suspect, and determined that they were legitimate claims that were received before July 1, 2016. A cut-off date has not been set for single unit customers.	required. Send an email to LDCs reminding them that self-declaration forms should not be accepted on or after July 1, 2016. Engage Ministry of Finance on the possibility of conducting spot audits of the program to ensure that any self-declaration forms submitted after July 1, 2016 were not processed. The Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016 could be used as a vehicle to introduce a regulatory cut-off. This option is under consideration.

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1. Estimates Defense	
The Ministry filed its 2016-17 Estimates Briefing Book on April 8th. The Estimates Briefing Book provides an overview of the Ministry and its priorities, as well as a detailed financial breakdown. Once filed, the briefing book is considered a public document. The Estimates Briefing Book will be used by members of the Standing Committee on Estimates during the debate proceedings.	ENERGY was selected as the fifth Ministry to appear before the Standing Committee on Estimates for 7.5 hours. The ministry completed its appearance at the Committee on October 26th. Based on current projection, the ministry will complete its appearance by October 26th.
2. Public Accounts	
The Public Accounts of Ontario is a major accountability document which presents the financial statements of the Province, provides financial highlights of the past fiscal year and reports on performance against the goals set out in the Ontario Budget. Ministries submit their Public Accounts Volumes 1, 2 and 3 to Treasury Board Secretariat who in turn publishes it on the Province's website. The Public Accounts is audited by the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario. For this year, the unaudited Public Accounts of the Province for 2015-16 was released to on October 3, 2016.	The Treasury Board Secretariat will issue instruction regarding the Public Accounts for 2016-17 sometime in February 2017.
3. PRRT	
2017-18 PRRT instructions were released on October 17th. Key submission components include a report back on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account (GGRA), Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), program level outcome measures, a Ministry Overview deck, notes for new requests, and a ministry program inventory update.	Ministry submission due November 24, 2016. MO and Minister briefings scheduled for the week of November 21.