- The IESO's business will be impacted by the outcome of the June 7, 2018 election and the political decisions made throughout the campaign leading up to that date.

- The government will announce its rate mitigation plan imminently. Public/media response to this announcement and subsequent opposition posturing will shape political hydro discussions leading up to the election.

- Increased attention on hydro issues will result in more scrutiny of the IESO's business, both from opposition and from the government. The government may want to have greater involvement and awareness of IESO business to maintain message control and manage potential issues.

- The IESO will need to be prepared for the politicization of Market Renewal – this will require ongoing reinforcement of the value of markets through its communications, and effective stakeholder engagement.

- The Long-Term Energy Plan will serve as a policy statement and may result in new roles, responsibilities or targets for the IESO. The IESO's Implementation Plan may provide an opportunity for the IESO to align LTEP policy with IESO objectives.

- The NDP has made clear its opposition to the sale of Hydro One, its support for a Single Trading Entity, and recently signalled its preference of public-owned power over private owned power.

- The PCs have said they would aim to repeal the Green Energy Act, explore cancelling current power contracts, and replace cap and trade.