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Finished up at the OCC AGM. Just some quick notes:

- I've attached the MOE + IESO slides. The breakout sessions were compressed so there wasn't much time to go through all the slides and questions. But the OCC will send out the deck to attendees. And I had a bunch of handouts.
- There were about 12 to 15 attendees per session.
- The questions ranged from details about the ICI (how do customer benefits) and how can the various chambers provide support/communications to their members (the handouts/website were helpful).
- It was pretty low key. Nothing hostile directed to Daniel or myself.

I think there some cynicism with the ICI expansion: yes, it's rate mitigation for some customers but they realize that it's just shifting the GA costs around. The explanation about reducing system peak demands and keeping manufacturing competitive helps add context around the ICI.

I sat in on the Bruce/OEB panel about electricity pricing. It wasn't very positive – the gist of the conversation was that Ontario is stuck with high costs and there's nothing we can do about it. Oh and conservation doesn't help because generators still have their contract rates.

The OCC will have their outreach staff in place by June 1. They will be doing 10 events across the province with the MOE. OCC will be looking to develop education and communication for their members.

In terms of SOE, there's always interest around our energy manager and training programs. And the lack of support for small businesses are always mentioned – I'm not sure how much promotion LDCs have done with small business lighting or the new refrigeration program.