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The latest e-newsletter from the EDA

Please note that there are starting their own internal market renewal committee

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Upcoming Events/Meetings

**Conservation and
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July 25

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September 11-12

**Energy Business
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October 17-18

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Queen's Park Update: Government Moves on Legislative Priorities, Including Hydro One Executive Compensation

On the heels of Hydro One's board resignation and the retirement of its CEO, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines Greg Rickford introduced an omnibus bill on July 16 entitled Bill 2, *the Urgent Priorities Act*. The omnibus bill enacts the *Hydro One Accountability Act*, which would require the incoming board at Hydro One to establish a new compensation framework for itself and for the utility's CEO. The act would also give cabinet veto power over this compensation framework and any future changes to it.

In addition, the act would require Hydro One to publish on its website a record of the total annual compensation paid to executives. An amendment to Section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act* would further require the Ontario Energy Board to exclude any compensation paid to the board, CEO and its executives from ratepayers' bills.

The deal reached by the government with Hydro One's board before their resignation also included a non-disparagement clause that bans the government from saying anything that "defames, criticizes, ridicules, disparages or is derogatory ... to any of the directors, officers, employees, agents and/or representatives of Hydro

One.” The legal immunity afforded to MPPs by parliamentary privilege means these terms will not apply during debates in the House.

In the legislature, Speaker Ted Arnott ruled on how he would manage question period participation for the seven Liberal members and one Green Party member. Arnott said he will allow one question from an independent member per question period which means one question per Liberal or green MPP every two weeks.

Hydro One and electricity price criticisms remained a key theme in the inaugural Question Period of this new session of the legislature. As Leader of the Official Opposition, the NDP’s Andrea Horwath used the first question to press Premier Doug Ford on transparency related to the Hydro One decision.

For more information, please contact the EDA’s [Derek Nardone](#), Manager, Corporate and Government Affairs at (905) 265- 5348.

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Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines Cancels 758 Renewable Energy Contracts

Savings for customers estimated at \$790 Million

Last Friday, the Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, announced that the Government of Ontario is cancelling 758 renewable energy contracts, as part of its plan to reduce electricity bills. The government estimates this action will result in savings to

ratepayers of approximately \$790 million. LDC members can log in to the EDA website to read the full report: [July 13 RapidSource](#)

For more information, please contact the EDA’s [Derek Nardone](#), Manager, Corporate & Government Affairs at (905) 265-5348.

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OEB Approves OPG Charges to Fair Hydro Trust

On July 5, the OEB issued its Decision and Order authorizing OPG to:

- charge the Fair Hydro Trust \$5.676M in fees for the period June 1 – December 31, 2017; and
- use OEB authorized interest rates to calculate the fee to be charged to the Fair Hydro Trust for the period January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

The application was decided by OEB members Duff, Frank and Janigan who, in large part, without a hearing, approved OPG's applications.

OPG's two applications dealt with the charges to be made by OPG to the Fair Hydro Plan Trust:

- EB-2017-0375, dated December 15, 2017, sought OEB authorization of the estimated \$500,000 – \$5,000,000 base fee and the incentive fee to be charged by OPG for the period January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019; and
- EB-2018-0102, dated February 28, 2018, sought approval of a \$5,676,000 fee to cover the costs incurred between June 1, 2107 to December 31, 2017 related to establishing financing, the Financial Service Manager's costs (e.g., for underwriting) and for OPG employees working exclusively on the Fair Hydro Trust.

The Decision notes that O Reg 206/17 provides clear rules on the amounts and eligibility requirements and that it effectively limits the OEB's decision-making powers. The OEB provided four reasons for proceeding without a hearing and granted OPG's request to treat its banking information confidentially.

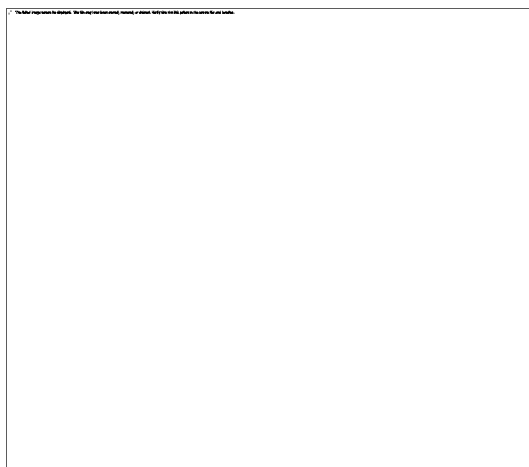
The Decision and Order is available [here](#) (EB-2018-0102).

For more information, please contact the EDA's [Kathi Farmer](#), Senior Regulatory Affairs Advisor, at (905) 265-5333.

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Hydro Ottawa Teams Up with Customers, Gives Back to Local Children's Hospital

For every customer who registers for paperless billing, Hydro Ottawa donates \$5 to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) Foundation.



Hydro Ottawa is giving back to the communities it serves by supporting a local hospital foundation to help raise awareness and dollars to improve their pediatric medicine, equipment and research to help treat children and youth.

Hydro Ottawa is also donating an additional \$5 for every customer who registers for an automated payment plan by October 31, 2018.

To learn more about this community initiative [click here](#) to read the full release.

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REMINDER: Submit Your Nominations for the EDA's MRP Committee

This Friday, July 20 is your last chance to submit nominations to the EDA

The EDA is seeking nominations from our LDC membership base to serve on the EDA's Market Renewal Program (MRP) Committee. The MRP Committee's mandate is to engage in and assess distribution-related MRP issues, as they emerge and evolve. The intent is for the MRP Committee to meet monthly via email, in person and/or conference call.

The IESO's Market Renewal Program

The IESO's MRP started in 2016 and is expected to continue until 2020 or 2021. The MRP is driven by a need to overcome acknowledged market inefficiencies that are putting artificial upward pressure on commodity prices, along with a need to refresh the IESO's software. The IESO has organized four MRP work streams that will ultimately result in changes to the IESO's energy market and establishment of an IESO-administered capacity market.

The EDA's MRP Committee

The EDA's MRP Committee will consist of at least **six LDC members**. Members are required to:

- possess subject matter expertise directly relevant to IESO market design and how it impacts LDC activities, operations, deliverables and risks;
- be strategic thinkers who can contribute to the EDA's advocacy with the IESO and others; and
- be able to engage the decision maker(s) at your LDC on MRP issues.

EDA staff will liaise with the MRP Committee at least monthly, commencing August 2018, and will engage the Committee on an as-needed basis to address specific issues. Committee members are expected to attend and participate in all meetings.

For more information on the MRP and how it could impact the distribution sector, please see our regular MRP updates, which are available to LDC members by logging in [here](#).

Nominations to serve on the EDA's MRP Committee

Please email your nomination, with the following information to [Kathi Farmer](#) **no later than 5 p.m. Friday, July 20:**

Before you start, please read the following information. For more information, please contact the EDA's Market Renewal Program (MRP) Committee.

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EDA partners with Dovetail Communications to boost your brand awareness

The EDA is pleased to partner with Dovetail Communications for advertising bookings and production of the 2018 EDA Member Handbook and The Distributor (the EDA's membership magazine). If you are interested in advertising your products and/or services directly to Ontario's key electricity distribution decision makers, please contact **Beth Kukkonen**, Director, Sales Operations, with Dovetail Communications.

If you have questions about the 2018 EDA Member Handbook and/or magazine on all advertising opportunities, please contact the EDA's Sari Maritzer, Communications Coordinator, at (905) 265-5340.

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CUEE 2018: Registration is Now Open! Pre-register to Attend at No Cost!

The Canadian Utilities Equipment and Engineering Show (CUEE) returns September 11-12, 2018 at The International Centre in Mississauga.

CUEE is the premier event for utility industry professionals to gain a comprehensive insight into the latest technologies, innovations and trends affecting your industry. Hear from industry experts, sample new products and generate great business leads at CUEE 2018.

Registration is now open! [Click here](#) to get your ticket today!

Sponsorship and Advertising Opportunities

Bringing in **more than 3,000 professionals** from various sectors, CUEE is the **best** opportunity to showcase your brand, maximize your corporate exposure and grow your network-base.

[Click here](#) to find out about CUEE 2018 sponsorship opportunities.

Exhibit with Us

With over 100,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor exhibit space available to showcase the latest and greatest in utility equipment, technology and other services from hundreds of suppliers, this show is a **must** for anyone working in the utility, infrastructure or community development sectors.

[Click here](#) to register as an exhibitor.

For more information, please contact the EDA's [Dianna Merlocco](#), Events Specialist at (905) 265-5351.

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EBIC 2018: Learn How to Leverage Market Influencers Online

The EDA's second annual EBIC takes place October 17-18 at the Hilton Meadowvale Hotel in Mississauga

The Energy Business Innovation Conference (EBIC) paves the way for new technology and other advances in the electricity sector, helping you stay ahead of the curve and gain a competitive advantage.

The way we communicate has evolved dramatically over the last 10 years, with social media platforms gaining influence and altering where consumers go for their information. Emerging new influencer communities wield significant power over the perceptions of brands and companies, largely driven by the rapid expansion of social media channels through which influencers communicate.

Social media influencers can help brands build valuable relationships on social media platforms. Join EBIC speaker Luc Levasseur, Vice President with NATIONAL PR's Corporate Practice, as he discusses practical tips and ideas for identifying and working with online influencers who can advance your marketing goals.

Watch for the full EBIC agenda and registration, opening in August. Be sure to sign up for our mailing list to take advantage of early-bird pricing! Join our EBIC mailing list by [clicking here](#).

Check out highlights from [last year's event here](#).

For more information on the EDA CON::NECT event series, contact [Marica Macura](#), Director, Member Relations and Events at (905) 265-5346

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2019 EDA CON::NECT Event Series: Save-the-Date For EDIST 2019

The EDA is pleased to launch its 2019 CON::NECT Event Series with its highly anticipated EDIST conference and exhibition, **January 16-18, 2019.**

Since the 1990s, the Electricity, Distribution, Information Systems and Technology (EDIST) conference and exhibition has established a presence in the electricity sector. This two-and-a-half day event brings together key industry decision makers and interactive, informative exhibits.

Watch for the EDIST 2019 call for papers, coming this month. This is an opportunity to share your knowledge with a respected audience of Engineering, Operations and IT professionals from the electrical utility industry.

For more information on the CON::NECT Event Series, please contact [Marica Macura](#), Director, Member Relations and Events at (905) 265-5346.

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Every Wednesday, our EDA Weekly e-newsletter informs our members about policy initiatives, events, sponsorship opportunities and industry news. It's also a great platform to highlight YOUR news and success stories.

Send us your stories, and be seen by over 500 readers waiting to find out what's happening in your utility.

Submission DEADLINE – every Tuesday @ 2:00 p.m.

Send your news stories along with a hyperlink to the EDA's [Sari Maritzer](#), Communications Coordinator.

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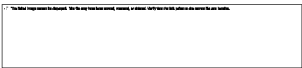
- [Smart Metering Entity: Third Party Access Implementation Plan webinar July 31](#)
- [Market document changes available for review in Baseline 40.0](#)
- [Publication of Power Perspectives](#)

Ontario Newsroom:

- [Minister's Statement Regarding Hydro One](#)
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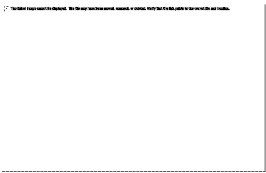
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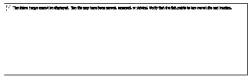
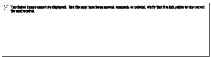
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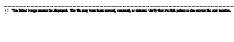
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