

AESP Ontario Chapter Event - *Assessing the Impact of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan on the Energy Sector*

Event Goal – provide attendees with an overview of the impacts of the new carbon economy on the energy and energy services sector. Attendees will hear from industry leaders about the Climate Change Action Plan and the potential impacts and opportunities the new carbon economy may have on the energy and energy services sectors.

Opening Session:

Helping the customer fight Climate Change: lessons from the past

The Honourable John Godfrey, Special Advisor for Climate Change, Government of Ontario

Panel Session:

Perspectives on the impacts and opportunities the new carbon economy may have on the energy and energy services sectors. A short prepared statement is requested (3-5 minutes). The moderator will give an introduction to each of the panel members and provide a brief overview of the Climate Change Action Plan.

Terry Young, Vice President, Conservation and Corporate Relations, Independent Electricity System Operator

Malini Giridhar, Vice President, Market Development, Public and Government Affairs, Enbridge Gas

Themes and Questions for the Panel:

Policy

- 1) Please provide an overview of the opportunities as you see it coming out of the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP)
 - a. How do you see your respective sectors evolving to the new policy environment?
 - b. How does your organization respond to policy changes such as the CCAP or the anticipated LTEP?
- 2) How does electrification impact your organization's mandate?
- 3) The Climate Change Action Plan advocates for a move towards low-carbon technology in homes, such as heat pumps. Measures such as these could have an increase on residential electricity costs. How do the Fair Hydro Plan objectives (to reduce bills by 25%) and the objectives of the Climate Change Action Plan co-exist?

Specific roles of the organizations in implementing the policies

- 4) Describe the leadership role of your organizations to meet the goals of the Climate Change Action Plan.
 - a. How is your organization currently supporting GHG reductions in Ontario?
- 5) How could the gas utilities and the LDCs going to work together to deliver on the mandate of the Climate Change Action Plan?
- 6) What barriers are envisioned and how are they going to be overcome?
- 7) Based on your understanding of the new agency (Ontario Climate Change Solutions Deployment Corporation), how do you think the organization can add the most value?

Customer Experience (gas, electric, GHG)

- 8) We've been engaging customers in CDM/DSM for more than a decade. How are we going to get customers further engaged in the GHG conversation?
 - a. With the current press on hydro rates in the province, do you think customers will be responsive to the strategies in the Climate Change Action Plan, specifically the move away from natural gas?
- 9) How are we going to navigate the customer relationship and ensure we are not duplicating efforts or creating more confusion?

CDM/DSM Targets

10) How do we see this impacting the CFF and DSM frameworks?

New World Order

11) What do you think the future state is?

12) What is the role of renewable energy? Should we do more, should our investment stay the same? How do we overcome the challenges we are already experiencing?

13) What's your organization's role in innovation and research and development with respect to supporting the CCAP?

14) Where does low carbon transportation fit into your business planning?

Closing Summation:

An eye to programs and policy decisions in other jurisdictions – Peter Love