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Week In Review



This week's [energy headlines](#) include a new pick-and-pay hydro pilot, government investments in smart thermostats, and the expanded Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI).

CTV News reports more cities in Ontario will be piloting "pick-and-pay" hydro plan for residential consumers. One plan offers reduced hydro costs between midnight and 6 a.m. and another plan offers a flat-fee for hydro in the spring and fall with increased pricing during the winter and the summer.

Environment Minister Chris Ballard announced the Green Ontario Fund will \$377 million in cap-and-trade proceeds to smart thermostats for Ontario households, according to the *Toronto Sun*. Eligible households can register to have a technician visit and install a one of 100,000 smart thermostats allocated to the program at no cost.

Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault was in North Bay earlier this week to talk about the recent expansion of the ICI under Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. Businesses consuming one megawatt and those with an average monthly peak demand greater than 500 kilowatts in the manufacturing and greenhouse sectors will benefit from the program.

In other energy news, Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline encounters issues in its enamel coating and Pollution Probe's Richard Laszlo pens a blog post for *TVO* criticizing nuclear power investments by the province.

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Events

Upcoming events include the Economist's Canada Summit 2017 on September 7 in Montreal, QC and the CI Group's Global Export Forum from September 12-14 in Toronto, ON.

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