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Week In Review



This week's [energy headlines](#) include a new coalition of energy sector stakeholders, Hydro One CEO defends rate hike, and the Canada and the UK commitment to phase out coal.

The *Financial Post* reports the newly formed Ontario Electricity Stakeholders Alliance has a roadmap for supporting smart decisions in the energy sector based on "the principles of transparency, competition, objectivity and independence." The Alliance has issued a series of recommendations that urge the government to stick to providing broad planning objectives for the system, while improving energy governance so independent agencies can carry out their designated functions.

Hydro One CEO Mayo Schmidt told CP24 that its proposed rate hike of 0.5 per cent this year and 4.8 per cent next year is meant to keep the system stable and functioning. The company says it needs to replace aging equipment or the system will fail.

Environment Minister Catherine McKenna and her British counterpart, Claire Perry, launched an international alliance to phase out coal-fired electricity at the Bonn climate summit this week, according to *The Globe and Mail*. On the flip side, U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry is proposing an American-led alliance that would encourage developing countries to invest in more efficient coal plants.

In other energy news, Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault responds to the Ontario NDP's criticism of the Fair Hydro Plan in the *Toronto Sun* and

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electricity companies billed \$12.4 million last year to send customers disconnection notices.

Events

Upcoming events include the 29th Annual Canadian Power Conference and Networking Centre in Toronto from November 20-21 and an OEA speaker series event on energy storage on November 28 in Toronto.

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