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MEMBER MONTHLY UPDATE



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Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Be sure to check your email the first Tuesday each month to stay up-to-date on upcoming EDA news & events

The EDA hosts a number of events for you to gain networking opportunities and insight on the province's electricity distribution sector.

CON=NECT EVENT SERIES

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the following 2018 events:

EDIST 2018 January 17 - 19, 2018
Hilton Toronto/ Markham Suites
Markham

An educational conference and exhibition addressing issues faced by Ontario's LDCs. Over 100 exhibitors and business sessions organized into three streams: engineering, operations and IT.

2018 WOMEN CONNECTED May 8, 2018
OMNI King Edward Hotel
Toronto

Exploring ideas, issues and solutions to better promote diversity and equality in the workplace. Women Connected offers great opportunities for personal growth/development as well as networking.

2018 EDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING March 25-26, 2018
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Toronto

A recap of the year and a preview of the upcoming one. The EDA Annual General Meeting sets the tone for the EDA's initiatives moving forward.

2018 EDA DIRECTORS SUMMIT June 2018
Aird & Berlis LLP
Toronto

Providing attendees with a broad overview and forum to discuss concepts and best practices for governance.

2018 EDA AWARDS GALA March 26, 2018
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Toronto

One of the most sought after industry events. The EDA's Awards Gala celebrates individuals, members and wins in the industry. A fantastic opportunity to network and reconnect with colleagues.

CUEE 2018 September 11-12, 2018
International Centre
Mississauga

Canada's largest electrical, engineering and utility tradeshow and exhibition.

ENERCOM 2018 March 27, 2018
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Toronto

Boutique tradeshow and interactive conference that brings together senior executives to share global perspectives of the industry.

2018 EBIC Energy Business Innovation Conference October 18-19, 2018
Hilton Meadowvale Hotel
Mississauga

Exploring innovative thinking, breakthrough technologies and next-generation thinking for the industry and tomorrow's workplace.

EDA News

Province Releases 2017 Fall Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review

On November 14, the Minister of Finance, released the [2017 Fall Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review](#). The outlook and review provides an update to the fiscal and economic plan presented in the 2017 Ontario Budget.

The economic review echoes the government's previous commitments on energy affordability and indicates that since July 1, 2017, electricity bills have been reduced by 25 per cent on average or about \$41 per month for eligible households as a result of the Fair Hydro Plan. Approximately half a million

small businesses and farms are also receiving the benefit. The statement also points to the \$100 million Affordability Fund and investments to expand natural gas in under-served areas of the province.

The review included an update on cap-and-trade and indicated that the first three cap-and-trade auctions generated over \$1.5 billion in proceeds which are being invested in new programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as the Green Ontario Fund programs and other initiatives under the Climate Change Action Plan.

The statement also included significant measures for small businesses including a proposed 22 per cent cut in the Corporate Income Tax rate for small businesses — from 4.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent, effective January 1, 2018.

Highlights from the fiscal update:

- Government remains on track to balance the budget this fiscal year as well as in 2019-2020.
- Ontario is forecasting real GDP growth of 2.8 per cent in 2017, up from 2.3 per cent in the *2017 Budget*.
- The unemployment rate has steadily declined, reaching 5.9 per cent in October 2017.
- Net debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to fall to 37.3 per cent this fiscal year.
- Ontario is projecting that revenues will rise to \$158.2 billion in 2019–20, up from \$140.7 billion in 2016–17.
- Program expense is projected to grow from \$130.0 billion in 2016–17 to \$144.2 billion in 2019–20. This represents an average annual growth rate of 3.5 per cent. Growth in program expense over the medium term is driven by a series of investments including the electricity cost relief programs under the Fair Hydro Plan.
- Interest on debt expense is projected to grow from \$11.7 billion in 2016–17 to \$13.3 billion in 2019–20. As a result, total expense is projected to grow from \$141.7 billion in 2016–17 to \$157.4 billion in 2019–20.

Following the release of the economic statement, the Minister of Finance tabled Bill 177, [Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act \(Budget Measures\), 2017](#), which would implement measures contained in the 2017 Ontario budget by amending various statutes and enacting seven new statutes. Important to members, the Bill includes amendments pertaining to the accessibility of consumption data and net metering.

The EDA will work with its Councils to examine the implications of the 2017 fall economic statement and will provide further analysis to members on Bill 177 in subsequent communications.

Find the full 2017 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review [here](#).

Province Consulting on Approach to Climate Change Adaptation

Earlier this month, the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) released its outline for Ontario's Approach to Climate Change Adaptation.

The proposal outlines the next steps government will take to advance climate change adaptation actions and to build resilience in a changing climate, including:

Creating a new climate change adaptation organization to help build local adaptation capacity, enhance networks and take action. This organization is intended to be a one-window source for leading-edge climate projection data and adaptation information and services. The organization will work with decision-makers in communities, private businesses, and government to facilitate adaptation learning, capacity building and initiatives across Ontario.

Working with climate change adaptation experts to undertake a province-wide risk assessment of the effects of climate change to better understand vulnerabilities.

Develop an enhanced all-of-government approach to climate change adaptation.

Sharing information on the effects of climate change to help Ontario residents better understand the

current and future effects of a rapidly changing climate.

This proposal is also available on the [Environmental Registry](#). The MOECC is accepting comments until January 21, 2018

The EDA will review this proposal with its Conservation and Sustainability Issues Council and determine next steps.

Additional details can be found [here](#).

Progressive Conservative Party Unveils Platform and Details Electricity Policies

Ontario Progressive Conservative (PC) Leader Patrick Brown unveiled his party's platform for the upcoming provincial election on Saturday, November 25. The document, "People's Guarantee", is designed to show voters the priorities of a PC government as well as showcase its relatively unknown leader and his approach to key issues. A large portion of the PC Platform relates to the electricity file. Key PC Platform Commitments related to electricity are as follows:

- Lower the average electricity bill by an additional 12 per cent (on top of the average 25 per cent reduction through the *Ontario Fair Hydro Plan*), through a combination of:
 - Removal of the smart meter charge from electricity bills.
 - Rebate the government's portion of the Hydro One dividend to ratepayers on their electricity bills, and commit to no further privatization of Hydro One.
 - Move conservation funding to the tax base.
 - A moratorium on new contracts, citing the existing oversupply of energy in Ontario.
 - Rescind the *Green Energy and Economy Act*, and aggressively re-negotiate or cancel current procurement projects.
 - Cut back salaries for Hydro One and OPG executives.

Access the PC Platform at: [People's Guarantee](#)

EDA Provides Submission to Standing Committee Reviewing *Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017*

The Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) provided a submission to the Standing Committee on Justice which is reviewing Bill 174, *Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017*.

The EDA's submission is focused on the implications to workplace and public safety of a plan to legalize recreational cannabis. These concerns were also raised during the association's meeting with the Office of the Attorney General in October.

The EDA noted it is pleased to see that many provisions in the legislation do address safety-related concerns. In particular, the provision bans the use of recreational cannabis from public places, workplaces or inside a motor vehicle. The EDA also supported the provision of the legislation that creates a zero-tolerance approach prohibiting commercial drivers from having the presence of either alcohol or drugs in their system, as detected by a federally approved screening device.

The EDA's submission encourages the Standing Committee to provide for language in the legislation which maintains workplace rights around zero-tolerance policies for all on the job forms of alcohol and drug impairments.

Access the submission at: [EDA Website](#).

EDA Participates in IESO's Regional Forums

EDA has been making its rounds attending several of the IESO's Regional Forums.

In October the EDA President and CEO Teresa Sarkesian participated as a guest panelist at the IESO's Northwest Regional Electricity Forum.

Continuing the EDA tour, EDA Chair Vinay Sharma participated as a guest speaker at the IESO's Northeast Ontario Regional Forum on November 9, 2017 hosted in Sudbury.

Vinay's presentation highlighted how the changing electricity landscape is encouraging LDC transformation to become more customer-centric and how consumers are at the forefront of this change. The presentation pointed to the EDA's Vision Paper: The Power to Connect and how distributed energy resources are key to a reliable, clean and innovative grid.

The forum also included a keynote address by Frank Kallonen, President & CEO, Greater Sudbury Hydro addressing Greater Sudbury Hydro's experience within the evolving electricity sector.

IESO's Regional Forums gather local leaders, community members, industry experts, local groups and associations together to discuss the future direction of the electricity sector and regional-specific electricity issues.

On November 16, EDA Vice Chair Brian Wilkie in the the East Ontario Regional Forum in Ottawa, also speaking about the changing electricity Landscape.

Jim Keech, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston, presented on Utilities Kingston's experience within the evolving electricity sector. The event also included a presentation from Ottawa River Power Corporation on their energy management strategy and a panel discussion on planning for the electricity system of today and tomorrow, which included Hydro Ottawa as one of the guest panelist.

Members may be interested in attending upcoming forums:

- December 11: [GTA and Central Ontario Regional Electricity Forum](#) (Vaughan)

More information can be found on the IESO's [website](#).

EDA Events

EDIST 2018 - Session Highlight: Preparing for Climate Change with NRCan

Book Your Hotel Room Before it Sells Out!

EDIST 2018, themed the *Power to Adapt through Innovation*, is right around the corner and registration is now open with an exciting line-up of speakers and topics.

Taking place January 17-19, 2018 at the Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites, The Electricity, Distribution, Information Systems and Technology (EDIST) 2018 Conference & Exhibition is an educational conference and exhibition addressing critical engineering, operational, IT and management issues faced by Ontario's LDCs.

Climate change is a matter of when and many countries are working on programs and initiatives to help combat the negative effects of climate change. While there is awareness of the risks from extreme weather



events such as ice storms, hurricanes and flooding, climate change poses other risks to things like electricity demand and transmission and distribution efficiency.

Join Natural Resource Canada's Jennifer Hiscock, Science and Technology Advisor, as she explores climate change's effect on Ontario's electricity sector and how LDCs can implement to lead the charge and be a global champion in climate change mitigation within the electricity sector.

[Click here](#) to view the full list of speakers and sessions for EDIST 2018. [Click here](#) to register for EDIST 2018 – Early bird pricing ends November 30!

Accommodations

The EDA has a room block at the Hilton for our members; however, rooms sell out quickly so get in early! If you'd like to reserve your hotel room you can do so by [clicking here](#).

For more information on EDIST, please contact the EDA's [Kathryn Segal](#), Marketing & Member Relations Coordinator at (905) 265-5338.

EDA 2018 Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars – the EDA Annual General Meeting (AGM) is now open for registration!

Taking place March 25-26, 2018 at the Fairmont Royal York, the EDA AGM and Awards Gala are two of the industry's most sought after events. The event will kick off with a networking reception on the Sunday evening followed by important and informative meetings and will end with the Awards Gala on Monday evening, where local utilities will be recognized for their industry leadership.



This is one of the most prestigious events of the season and will equip you with the right information and tools to support your business goals. A complete program will be provided soon.

Accommodations

The EDA has arranged for a member rate at the Fairmont Royal York and the rooms sell out quickly. Please [click here](#) to reserve your stay at the Fairmont for the AGM and the Awards.

For more information on the AGM, please contact [Marica Macura](#), Director, Member Relations & Events, at 905. 265.5346.

CUEE 2018: Exhibit In Canada's Largest Utility Trade Show

The [Canadian Utilities Equipment and Engineering Show](#) (CUEE) returns on September 11-12, 2018 at The International Centre.

As Canada's largest trade show and marketplace for utility products and services, CUEE is the place for you to launch new products, develop new leads and boost your brand awareness. 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 on exhibitor registration, please contact the EDA's [Kathryn Segal](#), Marketing & Member Relations Coordinator at (905) 265-5338.

2018 EDA Corporate Sponsorship – Leading the Charge

Sponsorship is an effective marketing tool to promote your company brand, message, products and services and get in front of the people who matter most to your business. At the EDA, we understand the importance of this relationship and provide members with valuable, unique and targeted opportunities to get face-to-face with their clients and stakeholders.

Corporate sponsorship at the EDA will:

- Provide you a direct link with your target market
- Allow you to showcase your brand
- Enhance product awareness
- Create unique opportunities to stand out from the crowd
- Increase customer loyalty



Corporate sponsorship at the EDA offers a variety of levels of sponsorship to meet the business and financial needs of all our members including tailored sponsorship packages to meet your needs. You can review the sponsorship package by [clicking here](#) – the deadline for sponsorship is December 31.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to propel your business into 2018. For more information on corporate sponsorship, please contact [Marica Macura](#), Director, Member Relations & Events, at (905) 265-5346.

EDA Members

EDA welcomes new Commercial, Commercial Plus, Affiliate and Associate members

It is with great pleasure that EDA acknowledges and thanks the following companies for their new membership to the association. Welcome to the EDA!

Commercial Plus Members

- Infrastructure Energy LLC
- **Opus One Solutions**
- Systrends

Commercial Members

- Almita Piling Inc.
- AVERTEX Utility Solutions Inc.
- Blackstone Energy Services Inc.
- Clearcable
- DeMarco Allen
- DPM Energy Inc.
- EcoSpex
- Franklin Energy Services
- Hammond
- Grant Thornton LLP

- ICSA
- ILSCO of Canada
- MS High Voltage
- NLS Engineering
- Power Advisory
- RealTime Solutions Inc.
- Schneider Electric
- Surplec Inc.
- Tech Product Inc.

To learn more about these companies, please [click here](#).

Member Highlights

Virelec Ltd. Launches into Energy Storage market.

Canadian manufacturer Virelec Ltd announces its battery energy storage range of systems for residential and commercial industrial customers. "Energy storage is a good fit for Virelec as electricity sector experts with decades of trusted utility and industrial experience, known for high quality and excellent plug and play delivery" commented Paul Marot, Virelec's President. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Ecotagious and Aclara's Home Energy Report Program Recognized for High Energy Savings

Results of a test and learn program designed to evaluate the energy savings impact of multiple home energy report (HER) programs that was conducted by a Southern California utility serving six million customers found that Aclara's next-generation HER program provided the highest percent energy reduction. Aclara, a supplier of smart infrastructure solutions, collaborated with Ecotagious, a leading-edge software company to provide this program. [A detailed report of the program can be found here](#). The Aclara ACE[®] and Ecotagious program utilizes smart meter data disaggregation at every step of the process including program design, customer selection, personalized messaging and report generation. Read more [here](#).

Veridian Supports Local Kettle Campaign

Veridian Connections presented a donation to the Salvation Army of city transit passes for their Kettle Campaign volunteers to travel more easily across the city while seeking donations from the public to help Canadians living in poverty. Veridian donated five one-month passes and 50 adult passes to be used at any time. Read more [here](#).

Energy+ Wins Platinum Healthy Workplace Award

Energy+ Inc. was recognized for its ongoing commitment to workplace health and safety, with a Region of Waterloo Platinum Healthy Workplace Award, during a gathering on Thursday, October 26, 2017 in Waterloo. Under the direction of the Employee Wellness Team of volunteers, Energy+ employees actively participate in health awareness and physical activities, including a Wellness Fair, lunch-time stretching and yoga, weight loss challenge, on-site healthy cooking classes, herb container gardening, sun protection and road safety awareness. Employees are encouraged to attend a one-on-one assessment with a Wellness Consultant at the office, and use, if needed, the company's Employee Assistance program (EAP). This is the fourth Healthy Workplace Award that the Energy+ team has collected in recent years. Read more [here](#).

Share Your Company's News With the EDA

We want to hear from you!

The EDA wants to share our Commercial members' industry success within the EDA Community. Send us any news coverage and/or media success and we will share it in each month's Commercial Member Update.

Send a maximum 75 word story that summarizes your company's newsworthy story by the 20th of each month to Kathryn Segal, Marketing & Member Relations Coordinator at ksegal@eda-on.ca.

Do You Have the Latest EDA Logo?



Did you know that as an LDC, Commercial Plus, Affiliate or Associate member of the EDA, you can use a specially-adapted "Member of" EDA logo on your communications and marketing materials? The EDA encourages its members to use this logo to signal their company's commitment to collaboratively advance the interests of the LDC sector, and of its customers and stakeholders. Using the logo also helps to reinforce the sector's collective identity and strengthen its voice.

The EDA has also updated the logo since issuing a special edition logo for its 100th anniversary in 2012. If you don't have an EDA logo, or if you have a previous version of the logo, please contact us to request a copy of the licensing agreement. Once you return the agreement to us, a high-resolution version of the logo will be provided along with guidelines on the logo's use. With this licence, members will be able to use the newest version of the EDA logo and any future versions for their entire membership term.

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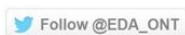


Event



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