

Ontario Minister of Energy Appoints Olameter CEO Jan Peeters to Electricity Task Force

Montreal, Quebec & Toronto, Ontario (June 27, 2003) - Ontario Energy Minister John Baird today announced the creation of the Electricity and Supply Task Force that is to examine electricity supply and conservation measures necessary to meet the long-term electricity needs of Ontario. The task force will be co-chaired by Gunars Ceksters, president and CEO of Enersource Corporation, and Peter Budd, Ontario Energy Association Chair and Toronto lawyer. Ceksters will be responsible for leading the task force on conservation and demand side management, while Budd will lead the task force on electricity supply.

The task force will:

- Provide an action plan outlining ways to attract new generation and identifying mechanisms for demand side management. The plan will be based on principles of security of supply, adequacy, affordability, reliability, environmental soundness and the competitiveness of the Ontario economy.
- Identify any barriers to the development of long-term electricity supply and conservation, and recommend solutions.
- Make recommendations on how to enhance the reliability and responsiveness of Ontario's electricity grid.

Ensure all electricity stakeholders have input into the process by organizing two day-long consultations, one on new supply and another on conservation.

The task force members:

- Bruce Ander, chair of the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance;
- John Brace, president of the Independent Power Producers' Society of Ontario;
- Mike Crawley, president and CEO of AIM PowerGen Corporation;
- Don Gibson, McCarthy Tetrault;
- Dave Goulding, president and CEO of the Independent Electricity Market Operator;
- Duncan Hawthorne, president and CEO of Bruce Power;
- Paul Norris, president of the Ontario Waterpower Association;
- Ron Osborne, president and CEO of Ontario Power Generation;
- Tom Parkinson, president and CEO of Hydro One Inc;
- Rebecca MacDonald, chair, president and CEO of Energy Savings Income Fund;
- David McFadden, chair of the Toronto Board of Trade's Task Force on the Electricity Industry; and chair of the Stakeholders' Alliance for Electricity Competition and Customer Choice;
- Don MacKinnon, president of the Power Workers' Union;
- John O' Toole, MPP for Durham ;
- Jan Peeters, chairman and CEO of Olameter;
- Dr. Bryne Purchase, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy; and
- Mary Ellen Richardson, president of the Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario.

The task force will provide its final report and recommendations to the government in early 2004, further details concerning the task force announcement are available online at the Ontario Ministry of Energy website www.energy.gov.on.ca