



Happy New Year! Thanks for being with us for another great year.

What's On

Join us at [EDIST 2019](#) on January 16 - 18, 2019 at the Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre & Spa. We'll be at Booth #6!

Radian Research's **WE MEET** 2019 will be held on February 25-27 in Pearl, MS. See [Radian](#) for full details.

Ontario News

Strike Prevented - MPPs passed legislation, in a four-day emergency session of the house, to keep 6,000 Power Workers' Union members on the job at OPG. See [TheStar](#), [Ontario](#), and [OPG](#)

Approval Delayed - The OEB has announced it wants both Hydro One and NextBridge to deliver a not-to-exceed price for the Lake Superior Link/East-West Tie project before it will issue a decision and an order. See [TBNewsWatch](#) and [Hydro One](#).

In a related story, the first of 17 remote First Nations has been connected to Ontario's power grid as part of the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Line Project. See [TheStar](#) and [Ontario](#)

Reconsideration - Avista and Hydro One have asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to reconsider its order denying approval of their \$6.7 billion merger proposal. See [UtilityDive](#) and [Hydro One](#)

OPG Expands - OPG has finalized the acquisition of Eagle Creek Renewable Energy LLC, an operator of small hydropower facilities in the U.S. See [HydroWorld](#) and [OPG](#)

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The Year in Review

January - A natural gas plant exploits how Ontario manages its electricity generators and opposition to the nuclear waste bunker near Lake Huron grows.

February - OPG ordered to cut \$500 million by the OEB and OPG considers additional public meetings around Tiverton disposal site.

March - The financial watchdog says financing would have been cheaper than privatizing Hydro One for infrastructure dollars and Hydro One Networks seeks approval to design, build and operate the new East-West Tie transmission line.

April - Wynne Government wins appeal over privatization of Hydro One and Ontario's

In a related story, OPG is promising to transition its entire 400 vehicle fleet to 100% electric by 2030 at the latest.

See [TheClimateGroup](#)

Oversight Dodge - A planned repeal of the OEB's authority to set electricity rates for sub-metered units in multi-residential buildings is among amendments in Bill 66, the proposed *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act*. See [REMInetwork](#)

Wind Concerns - Wind Concerns Ontario has stated that North Stormont property value losses could be in the millions if a local 33 turbine wind farm is constructed. See [NationValley](#)

Regional Pricing - The abundance of hydro-electric power generation in northwestern Ontario has community leaders calling on Queen's Park for a regional electricity pricing system to attract industry. See [NorthernOntarioBusiness](#)

Jump-Starting - A growing coalition of First Nations is taking the lead on ventures to better control their economic futures, having grown tired of waiting for major construction projects to come to them. See [TheSpec](#)

Schneider Electric -Understanding Certification Programs

At the PLUG Conference in October, Dave Arkell of 360 Energy provided an overview of energy certification programs, discussing the difference in certifications and why they are relevant to your organization.

Reasons to certify as a building include driving the design process, meeting objectives, attracting tenants, and having a better building. As an organization the benefits can include driving on-going improvement, recognition, third-party verification and locking systems in place.

In deciding which program to choose it is necessary to understand what your organization wants to achieve, whether the rules and requirements fit with what you do, and to review the costs and benefits.

first Cap and Trade auction raises \$471 million.

May - The purchase of Orillia Power by Hydro One is denied and the Environmental Commissioner says the LTEP doesn't obey climate laws.

June - Electricity is a dominant issue in the provincial election and new evidence alleges staff from the office of Premier McGuinty and the M of E destroyed documents.

July - California and Quebec close the joint carbon market after Doug Ford announces the system closure, and GreenON programs are cancelled.

August - Hydro One CEO retires and Board steps down, and the government cancels 758 green energy contracts.

September - Hydro One has a new Board of Directors and the sale of Peterborough Distributions becomes an election issue.

October - Tornados take out a major substation in Ottawa and the government introduces legislation to repeal the Green Energy Act.

November - The Environmental Commissioner says cancelled climate programs were working while Fraser Institute says canceling the contracts will reduce bills 24%. The IESO says province to face electricity shortage in coming years.

For the full presentation see [Know-Your-Power](#)

December - Small Modular Reactors come to Canada and First Nations say they paid a heavy price for cancellation of renewable projects.

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