

Is Canada Ready to be an Energy Superpower?

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Canada is at a critical juncture in its energy future. Rising electricity demand, accelerating infrastructure investment, and growing global expectations are converging at a moment that will define the country's economic and energy competitiveness for decades. The National Electricity Roundtable's 2026 spring meeting brings together senior leaders from government, utilities, system operators, investors, and developers to examine whether Canada is truly ready to be an energy superpower. Through focused discussions on **major project delivery**, **national and regional grid integration**, **market reform**, and **the balance of provincial and federal authority**, the program moves beyond ambition to action - exploring what it will take to power Canada reliably, affordably, and at the scale required to lead at home and compete globally.

True to NER's mandate, the speakers emphasize practical outcomes, cross-jurisdictional collaboration, and the conditions required to move projects forward at the pace and scale Canada needs. Attendees are encouraged to come prepared not just to listen, but to actively engage - particularly during the roundtable discussion - on how Canada can power its economy, meet domestic needs, and compete globally in a rapidly changing energy landscape.

Day 1 - May 6, 2026

VENUE: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Welcome Reception

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Fireside Chat

- Michelle Chislett, Head of Electricity Portfolio, Major Projects Office, Government of Canada and Jason Chee-Aloy, Managing Director, Power Advisory

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Day 2 - May 7, 2026

VENUE: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Michael Kobzar, Director, Power Transmission Sales (NER Board Member, Siemens Energy Canada)

8:00 - 8:30 AM

Arrival and light breakfast

8:30 - 8:45 AM

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

- Mark Childerhose, Chair, NER
- Janine Sullivan, President and CEO, FortisAlberta

8:45 - 9:15 AM

Keynote

- David James, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Affordability and Utilities, Government of Alberta

9:15 - 10:00 AM

Panel Session 1: Update on Major Projects and Other Canadian Energy Infrastructure

- **Moderator:** Spencer Gill, Hydro One
- Frank Davis, Vice President, Canada Country Head, Pattern Energy Group
- Sandra Dykxhoorn, Vice President, Nuclear Growth, OPG
- Michael Powell, Vice President, Electricity Canada
- Ben Greenhouse, CEO, Potentia Renewables

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10:00 - 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 - 11:00 AM

Panel Session 2: Political Panel, Emphasis on National and Western Canada Matters

- **Moderator:** Elizabeth Roscoe, Executive Vice President, Ottawa Practice Lead, Rubicon Strategy
- Greg Lyle, CEO, Innovative Research
- Sonya Savage, Senior Counsel, BLG and former Minister of Energy, Environment and Protected, Alberta
- Jeff Sterzuk, CEO, Prairie Sky Strategy

11:00 - 12:00 PM

Panel Session 3: Potential for a National Canadian Power Grid

- **Moderator:** Osmond Tsang, Regional Vice President of Sales, Western Canada, Hitachi Energy
- Rupen Pandya, President and CEO, SaskPower
- Gary Hart, President and CEO, AltaLink
- Charlotte Mitha, President and CEO, BC Hydro
- Jordan Heavenor, Vice President Commercial, Capital Power

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 - 1:30 PM

Fireside Chat

- Sashen Gunerathna, Managing Director, Investments, Canada Infrastructure Bank with Kristyn Annis, Partner, BLG

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1:30 - 2:15 PM

Panel Session 4: Provincial vs. Federal Jurisdiction

- **Moderator:** Shitiz Agarwal, Vice President, Power Systems and Operations, Schneider Electric
- Laura Arnold, Vice President, External Affairs, Regulatory and Market Policy, TransAlta
- Terri-Lee Oleniuk, Partner, Blakes
- Cole Sayers, Executive Director, Indigenous Power Coalition
- André Bernier, Director General, NRCan, Government of Canada

2:15 - 2:30 PM

Break

2:30-3:15 PM

Panel Session 5: Alberta Electricity Market Reforms

- Moderator: Jennifer Rumas, Director, Regulatory, Sustainability & Government Affairs, ATCO EnPower
- Nicole Leblanc, Vice President, Markets, AESO
- Christine Runge, Senior Manager, Regulatory and Markets, Power Advisory
- Blake Shaffer, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Calgary

3:15- 3:45 PM

Roundtable Discussion

(attendees are asked to come prepared to engage in a discussion)

3:45- 4:00 PM

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4:00-4:15 PM:

Concluding remarks

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM: Reception
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6:45 PM – 9:00 PM: Dinner
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7:30 – 8:15 PM:

Fireside Chat: Energy Security, Distribution and Markets

- Moderator: Indrani Butany, Managing Director, Atrium Economics
- Janine Sullivan, President and CEO, Fortis Alberta
- Greg Retzer, Executive Vice President, ENMAX Power
- Mark Brown, Chief Operating Officer, ATCO EnPower

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