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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 (Victoria Room)

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Welcome Reception

Fireside Chat (7:00 - 8:00 PM)

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 (Victoria Room)

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 and Utilia Amaral, President
- 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, Vice President & Executive Lead, Asset Management & Grid Modernization, Hydro One
- Frank Davis, Vice President, Canada Country Head, Pattern Energy Group
- Sandra Dykxhoorn, Vice President, Nuclear Growth, OPG
- Michael Powell, Vice President, Government Relations, 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 and Minerals, 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, Canada, Capital Power

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 - 1:30 PM

Fireside Chat

- Sashen Gunerathna, Executive Vice President, Public Infrastructure Investments, Canada Infrastructure Bank with Kristyn Annis, Partner, Dentons Canada LLP

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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
- Kwatuuma 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, Head of Power Generation, 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 - led by Philippe Dunsky, Founder & President, Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors

(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
VENUE: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta (Victoria Room)

6:45 PM – 9:00 PM: Dinner
VENUE: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta (Victoria Room)

7:30 – 8:15 PM:

Fireside Chat: Energy Security, Distribution and Markets

- **Moderator:** Indrani Buttany, Managing Director, Atrium Economics
- Greg Retzer, Executive Vice President, ENMAX Power
- Mark Brown, Chief Operating Officer, ATCO EnPower
- Dr. Andrea Nuesser, President, Util-Assist

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Michelle Chislett
Vice President,
Electricity
Major Projects Office,
Government of Canada

Michelle Chislett joined the Major Projects Office in November 2025 as Vice President of Electricity, where she leads all electricity-related files.

Michelle Chislett is a senior executive and influential leader in the renewable energy sector, with over two decades of experience driving the advancement of wind, solar, and energy storage projects across North America and Europe.

Most recently, she served as Executive Vice President of Onshore Renewables at Northland Power, where she led global operations, development, construction, and strategic growth of the company's onshore portfolio.

Michelle has held senior leadership positions at SunEdison, GDF SUEZ (now Engie), and SkyPower, where she led the team that delivered Canada's first operational solar farm. She has chaired the Canadian Renewable Energy Association, the Canadian Wind Energy Association, and the Canadian Solar Industries Association, and played a key role in their merger to form CanREA.

She holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Western University and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business at York University.



Jason Chee-Aloy
Managing Director,
Power Advisory LL and
Director, National
Electricity Roundtable
(NER)

Jason Chee-Aloy is the Managing Director of Power Advisory, with over 25 years of experience in competitive and regulated electricity markets.

Power Advisory is a leading electricity management consulting firm with offices in Toronto, Calgary, and Boston. The firm specializes in: market analysis; business strategy; resource development and procurement; policy development; regulatory and litigation support; contract management support; market design; and project feasibility and due diligence. Mr. Chee-Aloy is based in Toronto and acting for clients with interests across Canada and the United States.

Prior to joining Power Advisory, Mr. Chee-Aloy was the Director of Generation Procurement at the Ontario Power Authority, (OPA). Prior to OPA, he led resource adequacy, market development, and market surveillance initiatives for the Ontario Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

Mr. Chee-Aloy is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Canadian Renewable Energy Association, a member of the Advisory Board of the Business Renewables Centre Canada, a member of the Board of Directors for the Ontario Energy Association, on the Executive of the National Electricity Roundtable, and is the renewable generator representative on the IESO's Technical Panel.

In 2022, Mr. Chee-Aloy was awarded with the Clean50 award for 2023, as one of Canada's exceptional contributors to the clean economy. In 2019, Mr. Chee-Aloy was selected as the Hedley Palmer award recipient from the Association of Power Producers of Ontario, as a leading contributor to the independent power industry. In 2009, Mr. Chee-Aloy was awarded with the Canadian Solar Industries Association Leader of the Year award. He frequently speaks at multiple industry conferences and events, with over 100 speaking engagements throughout his career.

Mr. Chee-Aloy holds an M.A. in Economics and graduated from York University and the University of Toronto.

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Michael Kobzar
Director of Power Transmission Sales for Siemens Energy Canada and Director, National Electricity Roundtable (NER)

Michael is the Director of Power Transmission Sales for Siemens Energy Canada's Grid Technologies Division.

In this role he coordinates all commercial business development activity for Power transmission technologies and Solutions.

He currently assists in the governance of several organizations.

- Board member of the Ontario Energy Network.
- Board member and treasurer for CIGRE Canada.
- President of the Parliamentary Society of Toronto
- Board member at the Empire Club of Canada
- Governance committee member at the Weston Golf and Country Club.
- Board member of the National Electricity Roundtable (NER)

Having started his working career in several technical roles before transitioning to higher and more challenging commercial positions, including the start up of Siemens Canada's Instrumentation and Control Division.

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Mark Childerhose
Vice President of Product Lifecycle Management, Solutions & Customer Services, Siemens and Chair, National Electricity Roundtable (NER)

Mark Childerhose is an experienced Vice President of Product Lifecycle Management at Siemens, where he brings 20 years of expertise in various areas within the electrical industry including High, Medium and Low Voltage Distribution and Protection, E-Chargers for Medium/Heavy Duty Vehicles, Energy Storage, Renewables, E-Houses, Generator Circuit Breakers, Power System Engineering and Sustainability.

Mark continues to dedicate his career to drive innovation and find practical and sustainable solutions for clients. Mark is also responsible for strategy of the MV Business and Market Intelligence for Canadian operations and is active in Business Development and Account Management for key Utility, EPC and large vertical accounts across Canada. Mark is also responsible for the field services organization in Canada including field services, engineering services, sales, proposals, operational team, P&L, and strategy.

Mark's passion for the electrical industry and his commitment to making a positive impact have made him a respected figure in the field. With his extensive knowledge and experience, he continues to contribute to the advancement of the electrical industry and the development of a more sustainable future as an active member of internal and external technical standards & safety committees for Switchgear, Field Services and Vehicle Charger groups. Mark holds licenses as a Master Electrician, Professional Engineer, and Project Management Professional.

Mark is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors for the National Electricity Roundtable.

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Janine Sullivan
President and Chief
Executive Officer

Janine brings nearly 30 years of industry experience to her role as President and Chief Executive Officer of FortisAlberta. A longtime member of the Fortis group of companies, she has developed a deep understanding of the regulated utility space in progressive leadership positions at both Newfoundland Power and FortisAlberta.

As President and CEO, Janine leads the company's efforts to safely deliver reliable, affordable and sustainable electricity to more than half a million customers across Alberta. Under her direction, FortisAlberta is fostering innovation, investing in communities and supporting economic growth across its service territory.

A respected voice in Canada's energy landscape, Janine received the King Charles III Coronation Medal in recognition of her leadership and ongoing support of women and youth pursuing careers in the skilled trades. She was named an inaugural member of Electricity Canada's Women in Electricity Leadership Circle and is a sought-after panelist and speaker at industry events.

Janine is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) in Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador and holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) from Memorial University. She serves on the Board of Directors of FortisBC, Electricity Canada, Western Energy Institute and CAREERS: The Next Generation, where she supports initiatives that connect youth with career opportunities in the skilled trades.

Originally from Newfoundland, Janine has proudly called Alberta home for almost 20 years. She has come to know the province well – by both regularly visiting the company's 37 service points and driving her two boys to hockey rinks across Alberta.

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David James
Deputy Minister of
Affordability and Utilities

David James was appointed Deputy Minister of Affordability and Utilities in May 2024. The Ministry of Affordability and Utilities was established to coordinate and deliver cost-of-living and inflation relief, while working across government and with utility providers to support long-term affordability. AU also works to advance an affordable, reliable, and sustainable utilities system that meets the everyday needs of all Albertans, attracts investment, and supports job creation.

David has been with the Government of Alberta since 2011 and has filled various senior executive roles including Deputy Minister of Service Alberta, Associate Deputy Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, and Assistant Deputy Minister positions with Alberta Energy related to strategic and electricity policy. Before joining the Government of Alberta in 2011, David served for 20 years as a telecommunications officer with the Canadian Forces.

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Spencer Gill
Vice President &
Executive Lead
Asset Management &
Grid Modernization,
Hydro One

Spencer Gill is the Vice President & Executive Lead Asset Management & Grid Modernization at Hydro One. He and his team are responsible for integrating planning and investments to maintain the safe and reliable operation of Hydro One's transmission and distribution system assets. With over \$2.7B per year in transmission and distribution projects and programs, the planning team creates value for Hydro One and its customers by focusing on safety, reliability, the environment while considering future needs to enable the energy transition.

With more than 15 years' experience at Hydro One, Spencer has built a reputation as a transformational leader with extensive knowledge of the utilities sector. Spencer has held multiple roles within the organization, including VP Customer Service, Strategic Advisor to the President & CEO, Director of Customer Solutions & Key Account Management, and Director of External Relations.

Throughout his career, Spencer has advocated to the needs of Hydro One customers by shaping programs, policies, and innovative technologies. As a thought leader, Spencer continues to participate in several working groups related to the integration of Distributed Energy Resources and has served as a member of the Ontario Energy Board's Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group, and Chair of the Electricity Distributor Association's Electrification Council.

Spencer holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Nuclear Engineering from Ontario Tech University, and a Diploma in Electro-Mechanical (Robotics and Automation) Technology from Durham College.

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Frank Davis
Canada Country Head,
Pattern Energy

Frank Davis is Pattern Energy's senior representative in Canada, and leads business development activities, strategic partnerships, external affairs, and major transaction activity for the Canadian market. Originally from Newfoundland and Labrador, Frank currently resides in Toronto, and has recently served on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Renewable Energy Association.



Sandra Dykxhoorn
Vice President of New Nuclear Development for Ontario Power Generation (OPG)

As the Vice President of New Nuclear Development for Ontario Power Generation (OPG), Sandra oversees the company's long-term new nuclear growth strategy, building external relationships and creating a pipeline of opportunities.

OPG is paving the way for the deployment of new nuclear development in Canada and abroad, building the first-ever, commercial scale Small Modular Reactor (SMR) at its Darlington New Nuclear Site. The New Nuclear team is helping capitalize on OPG's first-mover advantage contribute value back to Ontario.

Prior to moving to the New Nuclear team, Sandra was OPG's Director of Provincial Relations, where she provided counsel and support to OPG's Management Team on all provincial government relations matters, including new business growth opportunities.

Prior to joining OPG, Sandra spent a decade in the federal government on both the political and civil service sides. She graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Carleton and is a proud alumnus of the Laurentian Leadership Program in Ottawa and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP) in Grenoble France.

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Michael Powell
Vice President,
Government Relations
Electricity Canada

Michael Powell is Vice President, Government Relations for Electricity Canada. Michael provides strategic advice to Electricity Canada's member electricity companies on how to advance the sector's interests with government stakeholders. This includes advocacy efforts in Canada and the United States on issues such as energy security, electrification, and climate policy.

Before joining Electricity Canada, Michael provided strategic, public affairs and communications advice for Canadian and international clients with a leading boutique consultancy. He has led communications and advocacy campaigns in all provinces and across the North.



Ben Greenhouse
CEO, Potentia

Mr. Greenhouse is an experienced leader in the Canadian Renewable Energy industry, having led companies developing, constructing, and operating over 4 GW of renewable energy and storage capacity across Canada, the United States and the Caribbean. Ben has led teams that have developed and constructed 16 of Canada's largest wind-energy projects and have successfully contracted the largest energy storage project in Canada.

Mr. Greenhouse currently leads the executive team at Potentia, with a focus on strategic growth. During his time with Potentia Ben has led Potentia through the successful procurement, construction, and/or operation of more than 3 GW of renewables and storage in Canada, the United States and the Caribbean. Formerly the Executive Director of Development at NextEra Energy Canada, Ben led NextEra Energy's Canadian team as they created a Canadian presence for North America's largest renewable energy owner and operator.

Ben has served two 3-year terms on the board of the Canadian Wind Energy Association (now the Canadian Renewable Energy Association), where he held the roles of chair and treasurer. Ben holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto and a Masters of Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo.

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Elizabeth Roscoe
Executive Vice President
and Ottawa Practice
Lead, Rubicon Strategy

Elizabeth is a public affairs trailblazer with over 35 years of experience in politics and business. Elizabeth manages Rubicon’s federal government relations practice with a focus on regulated industries including energy, telecommunications, health, transportation and financial services. Elizabeth is also the lead for Rubicon’s M+A practice navigating the federal and regulatory hurdles around the Investment Canada Act, net benefit review and national security reviews. Elizabeth has worked on the most complex and precedent setting M+A transactions including CNOOC, Nexen; Rona and Lowe’s; CCCI and Aecon as well as numerous other transactions. Elizabeth worked in the federal government as a chief of staff and served on the Transition Team for two Prime Ministers. Elizabeth was the first President of the Government Relations Institute of Canada; is the current board chair for the Institute for Research on Public Policy and the chair of the Foundation for the Canadian Museum of History and the War Museum. Elizabeth has served as a board of director for many Ottawa and national not-for-profit organizations including the National Arts Centre.



Greg Lyle
President, Innovative
Research Group, Inc

Greg is the founder and President of Innovative Research Group Inc. (INNOVATIVE), a national public opinion research and consultation firm with offices in Toronto and Vancouver. As a former Principal Secretary to Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon, Greg has built a career at the intersection of public opinion, communications and public policy. Much of Greg’s current work has focused on social permission. On issues ranging from toll roads to higher electricity rates to wind farms and transmission lines, INNOVATIVE has delivered strategic and communications research as well as running research-based public consultations.

Greg’s polls have been highlighted in such media as the Economist, the Wall Street Journal and most Canadian news outlets. In 2016, Greg received the Public Affairs Association of Canada Award of Distinction. He also holds the Certified Analytics and Insights Profession (CAIP) designation.

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Sonya Savage

Senior Counsel at
Borden Ladner Gervais
(BLG)

Sonya Savage is Senior Counsel at Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG) and serves on the Board of Directors for E3 Lithium, Critical Minerals Americas Inc. and the Wilder Institute Calgary Zoo. She is also a Senior Fellow at the MacDonald Laurier Institute and a Senior Advisor to Navigator. Prior to returning to the private sector in 2023, Sonya served as Minister of Energy, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas and Minister of Justice and Solicitor General in the Alberta Government.

Before being elected, Savage was a leading advocate in the energy industry, with 13 years in the pipeline industry, at Enbridge and the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association. She earned a Master of Laws in Environment and Energy in 2015 with a published thesis on the evolving role of the National Energy Board.

As Minister of Energy, she modernized Alberta's legal, policy and fiscal frameworks in new and emerging growth areas, including strategies to accelerate energy transition investments in critical minerals, hydrogen, geothermal, energy storage, and Small Modular Reactors. In 2022 she developed the province's framework to advance Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS) through CCUS hubs, allocating pore space to 25 projects across the province in 2022. As Minister of Environment and Protected Areas she developed Alberta's net-zero climate strategy – the Emissions Reduction and Energy Development Plan in 2023.

She retired from politics in 2023 and returned to private practice where she continues to provide strategic advice on energy development, environment and policy across Canada.

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Jeff Sterzuk
President, Prairie Sky
Strategy

Jeff brings over 35 years of experience in the private, non-profit and public sectors in Saskatchewan, BC and Alberta. Prior to founding Prairie Sky in 2013, Jeff spent five years as Chief Operating Officer at Impact Society, 15 years in the financial services sector with Investors Group and RBC Dominion Securities and three years working in the Saskatchewan Legislature for the Ministers of Trade & Investment and Parks & Renewable Resources.

Since founding Prairie Sky in 2013, Jeff has worked to build a team of talented, advisors and staff across all four western provinces that work every day to support our clients in achieving their goals.

Community involvement and volunteerism is important to Jeff and he has led fundraising efforts for non-profits including Impact Society, the Abbotsford Community Foundation, Chilliwack Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the United Way of Regina among other organizations. Jeff currently serves on the board of Hull Services and has also served on other boards including the Calgary Youth Justice Society, Surgical Centres, Impact Society, Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI), the Abbotsford Executive Association and the Abbotsford and Regina Symphony Orchestras.

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John D. Taylor
CEO, Atrium Economics

Mr. John D. Taylor is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Atrium Economics and a senior regulatory economist with more than twenty years of experience advising electric and natural gas utilities across the United States and Canada. Mr. Taylor has served as a lead expert in rate and regulatory proceedings across more than 20 jurisdictions in the United States and Canada. His testimony has been presented before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, numerous state public utility commissions, provincial utility regulators, and trial courts.

He has testified on matters including revenue requirements, class cost of service, advanced rate design, revenue stabilization mechanisms, affiliate transactions, demand forecasts, return on equity, lead lag studies, audit testing, and infrastructure cost recovery. In addition to matters in which he was the lead witness, he has supported over one hundred engagements for other expert witnesses, contributing to the development and defense of analytical models, regulatory strategy, and evidentiary submissions.

Mr. Taylor's experience spans vertically integrated electric utilities, gas distribution utilities, transmission providers, pipeline operators, municipally owned utilities, and multi-state holding companies. He has also served as market monitor for ISO New England's capacity market and has supported wholesale power purchase agreement evaluations and generation feasibility and prudence analyses. He regularly advises executive leadership and boards on regulatory strategy, risk allocation, revenue stability, infrastructure investment, and long-term rate design considerations.

In addition to his consulting leadership, Mr. Taylor served as Chief Executive Officer of a nondestructive testing and industrial inspection firm serving the power generation, petrochemical, and heavy industrial sectors. That role provided direct experience in capital-intensive infrastructure operations, asset integrity management, maintenance planning, safety compliance, and operational risk oversight. This operating perspective informs his work in utility capital planning, infrastructure expansion review, and regulatory cost recovery.

Biographies



Osmond Tsang
Regional Vice President,
Western Canada
Hitachi Energy Canada

Osmond Tsang is Regional Vice President, Utility Sales, for Hitachi Energy Canada. Osmond previously served as the Regional Sales Director for Western Canada with ABB Power Grids division prior to its acquisition by Hitachi Energy. Osmond started his career with ABB as a Control Systems design engineer and progressed to Strategic Account Manager and then Local Sales Manager for British Columbia later in his career.

Osmond holds an MBA from Edinburgh Napier University, UK, and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of British Columbia, Canada.



Rupen Pandya
President and Chief
Executive Officer of
SaskPower

Rupen Pandya became the President and Chief Executive Officer of SaskPower in 2022. He is also the President and Chief Executive Officer of SaskNuclear, the wholly-owned subsidiary of SaskPower that was created in 2024 to advance the province's small modular reactor development project.

Before joining SaskPower, Mr. Pandya was the Deputy Minister of Finance and Secretary to Treasury Board for the Government of Saskatchewan.

He has more than 25 years of public service experience in Saskatchewan, including previous positions as the President and Chief Executive Officer of SaskBuilds, and Assistant Deputy Minister roles with the Ministry of the Economy and the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration. He holds Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Regina.

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Gary Hart, P. Eng.
President and Chief
Executive Officer
AltaLink

For more than 30 years, Mr. Hart has held a variety of senior positions in the energy industry across Canada, currently as President and Chief Executive Officer for AltaLink. He also serves as Chair of the Board for Electricity Canada, where he helps guide the national association representing the Canadian electricity industry. Prior to joining AltaLink in 2017 as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, he was Berkshire Hathaway Energy Canada's first Managing Director. Mr. Hart started his career with TransAlta and moved through a number of roles of increasing responsibility. As Director of Business Development for Western Canada, Mr. Hart developed two Alberta cogeneration projects before moving to Ontario, when he was VP of Operations, Eastern Canada for TransAlta Limited Partnership. Following his tenure at TransAlta, Mr. Hart joined Westcoast Power as VP Operations with accountabilities for their generating portfolio. He then went on to join Suncor Energy in utility operations and supply chain, which included the role of Senior Vice President of Supply Chain and Field Logistics. Mr. Hart is a registered Professional Engineer and has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan.



Charlotte Mitha,
President and CEO
BC Hydro

Charlotte Mitha is BC Hydro's President and CEO. Charlotte joined BC Hydro in 2004 and has been a member of the executive team for more than six years.

In her previous role as Executive Vice President of Operations at BC Hydro, Charlotte has overseen the control centres, water management, and field-based employees responsible for operating and maintaining BC Hydro's extensive infrastructure. This includes over 300 substations, 80,000 km of transmission and distribution lines, and 30 hydro plants, which collectively provide reliable electricity to five million customers. Charlotte has also led customer connections and the delivery of \$1 billion in annual operating, maintenance, and capital work.

Prior to joining BC Hydro, Charlotte worked in engineering and construction management roles on hydroelectric generation projects. Charlotte is a Professional Engineer in mechanical engineering (Bachelor of Applied Science, UBC) and holds an MBA from the Royal Holloway College at the University of London.

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Jordan Heavenor
Vice President, Canada,
Capital Power

Jordan Heavenor is Vice President, Canada Thermal & Renewables at Capital Power and is a member of the CPC Executive team, where he leads the Canadian business, commercial strategy, asset optimization, and market-facing activities. With more than 17 years of experience spanning operations, corporate strategy and business development, Jordan has played a key role in optimizing existing generation assets, growing the Capital Power portfolio, navigating evolving markets and regulatory frameworks, and advancing disciplined growth initiatives. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Operations Management and Management Science.

Jordan is based in Edmonton at Capital Power's head office.



Sashen Guneratna,
Executive Vice President,
Public Infrastructure
Investments.
Canada Infrastructure
Bank

Sashen Guneratna is a senior infrastructure finance leader with deep experience delivering large-scale investments across several different asset types. As EVP, Public Infrastructure, he leads a team focused on investments with contracted revenue streams that deliver stable, year over year impacts for Canadians, in areas including power transmission, non-emitting generation, energy storage, trade and transportation, investments to enable housing and digital infrastructure.

During his tenure at the CIB, Sashen has been responsible for \$10B+ clean power and broadband priority sectors, leading investments across the country in renewable power, transmission, energy storage and district energy, including spearheading the CIB's investment in Canada's first small modular reactor and the organization's first interprovincial transmission and equity investment.

Sashen brings more than 25 years of banking and advisory experience across multiple sectors and jurisdictions. Prior to joining the CIB, he was a Partner in PwC's Capital Projects and Infrastructure group, with a focus on power and utilities, water and wastewater, and Indigenous-led projects. Sashen previously worked in debt capital markets and project finance advisory at National Bank Financial and power and utilities lending at Scotia Capital.

He holds an MBA and BBA from the Schulich School of Business, an ICD.D designation from Rotman, and serves on the board of Wasoqonatl Transmission Inc.

Biographies



Kristyn Annis
Partner, Dentons
Canada LLP

Kristyn is a partner in the Energy group at Dentons' Toronto office, specializing in corporate commercial law with a focus on energy and climate change. She works closely with clients to structure and build resilient energy and infrastructure businesses, supporting their work in the energy transition.

With over two decades of legal experience, Kristyn advises on commercial matters and mergers and acquisitions, in the energy sector and for private companies in other sectors. Her energy expertise covers all aspects of energy generation with a focus on renewables, transmission and distribution infrastructure development, construction and financing, distributed energy resources, electric-vehicle charging and services agreements, and energy storage of all types. Kristyn works with a diverse range of clients, including private companies in various sectors, Indigenous and non-Indigenous project proponents, lenders, utilities, municipal shareholders, system operators, and government agencies.

In addition to her expertise in energy, Kristyn has a background in climate change law and advises clients on transactions regarding environmental-related credits, participating in the voluntary and compliance carbon markets, commercial agreements and structures for carbon streaming, low-carbon fuel standards, carbon offset regimes, and renewable energy credit regimes. Kristyn has also served as CEO of a climate change-related start-up in the not-for profit sector.

Kristyn's policy experience includes acting as a senior policy advisor to the Minister of Energy and later, the Premier of Ontario on energy, economic development, climate change and Indigenous affairs.

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Laura Arnold
Vice President of
External Affairs,
Regulatory and Market
Policy at TransAlta
Corporation

Laura Arnold is the Vice President of External Affairs, Regulatory and Market Policy at TransAlta Corporation. Laura is responsible for external affairs and market policy functions across TransAlta's Canadian, U.S. and Australian operations.

Laura directs TransAlta's external advocacy program with governments, regulators and system operators for all jurisdictions where TransAlta is developing new projects and operating existing assets. Laura has developed a deep understanding of the company energy transition and the opportunities and challenges being presented to the sector.

Laura holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Calgary. Laura is a long-time, committed advocate for her community and serves as a Director on the Board of HomeFront Calgary, a non-profit, community organization that helps individuals and families break the cycle of domestic violence.



Terri-Lee Oleniuk
Partner at Blake, Cassels
& Graydon LLP

Terri-Lee is a Partner at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP in Calgary. Her practice focuses on regulatory, environmental, and Indigenous law issues related to electricity and natural resource development. She advises on environmental assessments, regulatory approvals, and agreements with Indigenous groups across sectors including power, oil and gas, and mining. Terri-Lee represents clients before administrative tribunals in facilities and economic regulation matters. She co-leads the Firm's national regulatory group.

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Kwatuuma Cole Sayers
Executive Director
Indigenous Power
Coalition

Kwatuuma Cole Sayers (Hupačasath Nation) grounds his work in Nuuchah-nulth principles of hišimłuwa (working together) and ʔiisaak (respect) to strengthen Indigenous leadership in building resilient, future-ready electricity infrastructure in Canada. He supports First Nations in advancing governance, ownership, and economic opportunities across the electricity sector, championing First Nations-led and partnered projects.



André Bernier
Executive, Electricity
Systems Branch, Natural
Resources Canada
(NRCAN)

André Bernier has served as an executive with the Electricity Systems Branch, at Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) since October 2016 and Director General of the Branch since August 2021. His team leads on the development and implementation of programs and policies related to the electricity sector.

André previously served at Canada's Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) where he was the Senior Director responsible for aerospace industrial policy. Prior to working at ISED, André was the analyst responsible for domestic climate change policy at the Privy Council office and worked at NRCAN in the Deputy Minister's Office.

André holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics (University of Waterloo) and a Master's degree in public affairs (Princeton University).

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Jennifer Rumas
Head of Power
Generation, ATCO
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Jennifer is the Head of Power Generation at ATCO EnPower. She brings over 19 years of experience across the energy and electricity value chain, covering policy and regulatory advocacy, electricity markets, energy transition and carbon markets, regulatory compliance and environmental assessments.



Nicole LeBlanc
Vice President, Markets

Nicole LeBlanc is Vice President, Markets for the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), where she oversees market and tariff design, forecasting and market analytics, and commercial procurements. With 20 years of experience in the energy sector, she has led work in market evaluation and design, transmission planning, policy development, strategic planning and numerous regulatory proceedings. Most recently, she led the AESO team responsible for developing the Restructured Energy Market.

She holds a Master of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics from the University of Calgary.

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Christine Runge
Senior Manager,
Regulatory and Market
Design

Christine is an Economist based in Calgary, with over 14 years of experience in the electricity industry. She first worked to redesign Alberta's market into a capacity market in 2017-2018 and, more recently, has been deep in the weeds working through the Restructured Energy Market (REM) with the AESO. Christine's regulatory experience includes transmission tariff rate design and terms and conditions (including GUOC, line losses, substation fraction, adjusted metering, etc.), performance-based regulation and other aspects of distribution tariffs (including DCG Credits), regulated rate option energy price setting plans, and capacity markets. She is currently participating in the ISO tariff consultation.

She has worked with a range of clients in all segments of the electricity market, with a particular focus on utilities and generation owners and developers, including DCG developers, renewable generation developers, and co-generation owners. Christine has testified before the Alberta Utilities Commission and worked behind the scenes on regulatory application development and to support regulatory files. She has also represented clients in Alberta Electric System Operator and Department of Energy consultations.

Prior to joining Power Advisory, Christine worked for the Alberta Utilities Commission in the distribution rates department and for the Alberta Electric System Operator in the competitive process department.

Christine holds an MA in Economics from the University of Calgary.

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Blake Shaffer

Associate Professor of Economics, University of Calgary
Co-Director, Canadian Energy Modelling Hub

Blake Shaffer is an associate professor of economics at the University of Calgary and co-director of Canada’s Energy Modelling Hub. Prior to academia, Shaffer had a 15-year career in energy trading, including at BC Hydro (Powerex), Barclays Capital, and Transalta, where he specialized in electricity, natural gas and emissions markets. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Calgary, masters in economics from the University of Cambridge, and a bachelor’s degree in environmental sciences from Queen’s University. Shaffer also serves as policy advisor for various governments on energy and environmental policy matters.



Philippe Dunsky

Founder & President, Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors

Philippe Dunsky brings over three decades of experience focused on accelerating and scaling the transition to clean, resilient and affordable energy. He is the Founder and President of Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors, where he has the honour of leading a first-rate team of 65+ professionals. Founded in 2004, Dunsky supports utilities, regulators, governments, corporations and other clients among North America’s clean energy leaders.

As a trusted adviser to both executives and policymakers, Philippe helps organizations chart the course toward decarbonization without losing sight of economic imperatives. He is notably adept at storytelling and is a recognized thought leader with a unique ability to bridge technology, market, regulatory and policy spheres. In 2023-24, Philippe served as Chair of the Canada Electricity Advisory Council and previously served as the Chair of the Québec Government’s Electrification Working Group. Philippe is currently the Co-Chair of Efficiency Canada and serves as an Advisor to the Clean Economy Fund and to Electrifying Canada, among other positions.

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Indrani (Indy) J. Butany
Managing Director,
Canada, Atrium
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Indrani (Indy) Butany leads at the intersection of diversity, innovation, and energy transformation. As Managing Director for Atrium Economics in Canada, Indy brings over two decades of leadership in regulated utilities, energy policy, and organizational transformation.

She has held several senior executive roles, including President and Chief Executive Officer of Elexicon Energy, Ontario's fourth largest municipally owned local distribution company, where she became the first South Asian woman to lead a utility in Ontario.

During her tenure at Elexicon, Indy championed initiatives advancing reconciliation, equity, and sustainability, spearheading the completion of the company's Reconciliation Action Plan, and forging partnerships with Indigenous-owned businesses.

A recognized thought leader in energy transition, regulatory innovation, and the path to net zero, she continues to shape dialogue across Canada's energy sector as a Clean50 Award recipient and Wayne C. Fox Distinguished Alumni Award honouree from McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business.

Indy has served on Boards of Directors within the energy sector, including Electricity Canada, the Electrical Safety Authority, the Ontario Energy Association and the Electricity Distributors Association. Indy currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation and the Steering Committee of Women in Energy Canada. Indy is Chair of the Dean's Advisory Council at McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business.

She holds an MBA in Finance and an Honours Bachelor of Science in Psychology from McMaster University, and the ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.

In her role with Atrium Economics, Indy leads its Canadian operations with a focus on regulatory strategy, innovation, and equitable energy policy, helping clients navigate Canada's evolving energy landscape. She continues to work with First Nations to advance meaningful participation in the transition to a low carbon economy, aligning reconciliation with investment and effective public policy.

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Greg Retzer
Executive Vice
President, ENMAX
Power

As Executive Vice President of ENMAX Power, Greg is responsible for ENMAX's regulated transmission and distribution business in Calgary, which safely and reliably serves approximately 570,000 customers across 1,089 square kilometers.

With over 30 years of industry experience, Greg's broad understanding and business acumen bring strong operational performance and strategic leadership to the team. He has worked in various senior and executive roles in business operations and corporate leadership, including positions with the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), Stantec, Apex CoVantage and QC Data. Greg has led teams and projects across the U.S. and Canada in the electricity, telecom, engineering, environmental and data management industries.

Prior to his current role, Greg held the position of Executive Vice President, ENMAX Energy, and previously served as Vice President, Field Services and Vice President, Project Delivery with ENMAX Power, leading teams to achieve operational improvements and safety culture advancements. He joined ENMAX in 2019.

Greg holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Calgary and an MBA from Georgia State University.



Dr. Andrea Nuesser,
President, Util-Assist

Andrea Nuesser is the President of Util-Assist, a professional and managed services firm that provides strategic guidance and innovative solutions to Utilities in North America. Andrea is an accomplished leader and engaging strategist with a strong passion for shaping the future of energy. She has a broad background in social sciences, marketing, as well as customer experience. She is skilled in strategic business advice and advanced researched methods and holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Political Science focused on behavioural studies and attitude formation from the University of British Columbia. Her previous experience includes leadership roles with Capgemini, a global IT services and consulting firm as Grid Modernization Leader; Director of Customer Strategy and Experience at Hydro One; and Vice President at Innovative Research Group.

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Mark Brown,
Chief Operating Officer,
ATCO EnPower

Mark Brown is the Chief Operating Officer at ATCO EnPower where he plays a central role in delivering the company's ambition to provide inspired energy solutions for a dynamic world.

With over 25 years of global leadership experience, Mark leads the non-regulated operating unit of Canadian Utilities Limited, focusing on reliability, safety, performance, and scalability. His broad perspective and adaptability are essential for effective leadership in today's fast changing and evolving energy sector.

Mark is responsible for the operational direction of the company's energy storage, power generation and cleaner fuels portfolio across North America and his extensive background in energy transition, engineering, procurement and construction creates a strong foundation for success.

Mark actively fosters progress and innovation within the industry. He participated in the Construction Industry Institute (CII) and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Construction Owners Association of Alberta (COAA). He currently sits on the Board of Hull Services, reflecting his passion and commitment to community engagement. He is also Chair of ATCO's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Council, working to ensure everyone at ATCO feels a sense of belonging.

Beyond his professional responsibilities, Mark is a strong advocate for education, mental health and DEI. He is driven by a vision of a more compassionate and innovative world and actively seeks opportunities to support meaningful change, in any capacity.

Mark holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering, from the University of Victoria and maintains his Professional Engineering (P.Eng) certification in Alberta.