

# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Energy Roundtable Conference

SOCO BALLROOM, DELTA HOTEL, 75 LOWER SIMCOE ST., TORONTO  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

**MC**            **Jason Langrish**, President, The Energy Roundtable

**7:45am**        **Registration and breakfast**

**8:30am**        **Opening remarks**

**8:35am**        **Panel discussion: Market renewal and transformation – will it deliver?**

Lost in the myriad of programmes, tax credits and production subsidies to advance the energy transition are discussions on market renewal, reform and transformation. At its core, market renewal and reform are fundamental to creating more efficient and dynamic markets to achieve the energy trilemma of reliability, affordability and sustainability. Reforms are happening across the country. The Market Renewal Program (MRP) in Ontario seeks to deliver lower cost, more efficient markets, while Alberta is proposing reforms to its electricity sector and an ambitious timeline for implementation. The Government of Québec is seeking to legalize direct electricity sales between private parties. The panel will discuss if market renewal and transformation initiatives will be sufficient to meet our energy needs.

**9:20am**        **Panel discussion: Innovative energy infrastructure**

The energy infrastructure sector is uniquely positioned to leverage sustainable opportunities that can lower carbon emissions for the sector, its customers and the broader economy. From technological innovations such as carbon capture, nuclear and renewable power, AI or efficiency improvements, companies are exploring a multitude of options while keeping their eyes on returns on capital. The appetite for sustainable energy options continues to increase and the sector is well positioned to widen its service offering toward low-carbon initiatives given the low cost of capital, existing infrastructure and development experience. The panel will discuss approaches to infrastructure investment to achieve net zero goals and trends for the sector.

**10:05am**       **Networking break**

**10:30am**       **Keynote address:**

□ **Michael Sabia**, President & CEO, Hydro Quebec

**10:50am**       **Panel discussion: Business strategy in a time of uncertainty**

While the public is intuitively in favour of decarbonization, we have not had an honest discussion about what the costs and challenges will be to get there. Affordability concerns are top of mind for the voting public, and the costs associated with energy transition could mean that the federal carbon tax may be eliminated after the next election. The CER – or Clean Electricity Regulations - which mandates a net zero grid by 2035 has also been controversial and may be in the cross hairs of the federal Conservative Party. Industry subsidies are also being questioned or even delayed, and labour shortages have led to concerns about importing foreign workers for the purpose of helping build out the next generation of energy and manufacturing systems. The panel will discuss how strategic decision making by business proceeds in a time of uncertainty and which technologies, systems and approaches will prove durable.

**11:35am**       **Panel discussion: Energy transition is a technology revolution**

The energy transition has all the markings of a technological revolution. Technology stands as a driving force in the global transition toward sustainable, green energy solutions. Its role in advancing renewable energy sources, optimizing energy systems, and transforming various sectors like transportation is undeniable. As we navigate the challenges ahead, continued investments in research, development, and implementation of innovative technologies will be crucial in achieving a cleaner, more sustainable energy future for generations to come. The panel will review developments in green tech, grid, LDES, AI and analytics and discuss the implications for Canada's net zero ambition.

**12:15pm**       **Networking lunch with the Provincial Energy Minister discussion (at 1:00 pm)**

A discussion regarding energy trends, challenges, and opportunities from a provincial energy minister perspective.

**1:30pm**        **Keynote address**

□ **Lesley Gallinger**, President & CEO, Independent Electric System Operator

**1:55pm**        **President & Chief Executive panel discussion**

A discussion regarding energy trends, challenges, and opportunities from a chief executive perspective, including the impact of investor demands on business models.

**2:40pm**      **Networking break**

**3:00pm**      **Fireside chat: Indigenous ownership - the tide that lifts all boats?**

**3:30pm**      **Panel discussion: Energy and economic competitiveness**

Canada and its trading partners are locked in an intense competition to draw high value extraction, manufacturing and data centres/services to their jurisdictions, as well as supply global energy and commodities markets. These global investors and buyers typically have a mandate to source their energy and electricity inputs from lower to non-emitting sources. Panelists will examine the role of energy market design, supporting infrastructure and technological innovations in creating a competitive, innovative ecosystem for industrial consumers, investments and export.

**4:10pm**      **Fireside chat: Investing in the energy transition**

**4:40pm**      **Fireside chat: Our nuclear opportunity**

Canada is uniquely positioned to be a major player in a global nuclear energy renaissance. Whether it is reducing emissions by 2030 or reaching net zero by 2050, nuclear power will need to play a bigger role in the Canadian and global energy mix of the future. Refurbishments and new builds are either underway or have been announced. Several provinces have either announced, or are exploring, bringing SMRs to their province. The discussion will review these developments and discuss the implications for Canada's nuclear industry.

**5:15pm**      **Close by Jason Langrish, President, The Energy Roundtable**

**5:30pm**      **Networking Reception in SOCO Ballroom foyer (ends at 7:00pm)**