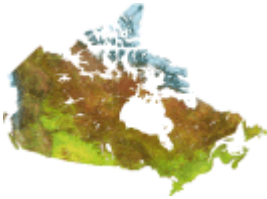




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DHALIWAL NAMES MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUPS OF JOINT CANADA–U.S. TASK FORCE

OTTAWA — The Honourable Herb Dhaliwal, Minister of Natural Resources Canada, today announced the Canadian members of the three Working Groups that will support the work of the Canada–U.S. Joint Task Force on the Power Outage.

The Task Force was appointed by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and President George W. Bush to identify the causes of the recent power outage that affected North America, and to seek solutions to help prevent future outages. The Government of Canada is responsible for transmission lines that cross borders — interprovincial or international.

“These experienced and knowledgeable experts represent our key partners in ensuring the security and efficiency of our electric power system,” said Minister Dhaliwal. “We have consulted extensively with the Government of Ontario since the beginning in selecting appropriate experts who have profound knowledge of the electrical system in Ontario. The province will play a vital role in these working groups.”

The Working Groups include representatives of all relevant federal departments and agencies, technical experts, senior representatives from relevant states and the Province of Ontario. These three working groups will address electric system, security and nuclear issues:

- The Electric System Working Group will be co-chaired on the Canadian side by Thomas Rusnov, Senior Advisor, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). Ontario’s representative is David McFadden, Chair of the National Energy and Infrastructure Industry Group for Gowling, Lafleur, Henderson LLP. The other Canadian members are David Burpee, Director, Renewable and Electrical Energy Division, NRCan; and David Barrie, Senior Vice President, Asset Management, Hydro One.
- The Security Working Group will be co-chaired on the Canadian side by William J.S. Elliott, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Security and Intelligence, of the Privy Council Office. Dr. James Young, Commissioner of Public Security, Ontario Ministry of Public Safety and Security, will represent Ontario in this group. The other Canadian members are James Harlick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness; Peter MacAulay, Officer in Charge of the Technological Crime Branch, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and Ralph Mahar, Chief, Technical Operations, Scientific and Technical Services, Canadian Security Intelligence Service.
- The Nuclear Working Group will be co-chaired on the Canadian side by Linda J. Keen, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). Ontario is represented by Duncan Hawthorne, Chief Executive Officer, Bruce Power. The other Canadian members are James Blyth, Director General, Reactor

Power Regulation of CNSC; Robert Morrison, Senior Advisor, NRCan; and Ken Pereira, Vice President, Operations of CNSC.

In addition, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) and the affected Independent System Operators and utilities have agreed that their investigations will supplement and contribute to the work of the Task Force. The input of experts from Ontario and the affected states will also contribute to the work of the Task Force, and the working groups will use their input extensively. Some states and the Province of Ontario are also conducting their own review of the event. Their results will also contribute to the work of the Task Force. In addition, local authorities, private sector electricity providers and other experts will be invited to contribute to the work of the Task Force.

The work of the Task Force is being co-ordinated for Canada by Dr. Nawal Kamel on behalf of NRCan.

“Ensuring a safe, reliable electric system is of utmost concern to all Canadians and a priority area for the Government of Canada,” said Minister Dhaliwal. “We will continue to work with all our partners to accomplish this.”

A complete list of the members of the Working Groups is attached. A complete list of the Task Force members is available on the Web at nrcan.gc.ca/media.

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