

## **PRIME MINISTER CHRÉTIEN AND PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF A JOINT TASK FORCE**

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Ottawa, Ontario

Canada and the United States have today agreed to form a joint task force to identify the causes of the recent power outage that affected North America and to seek solutions to help prevent future outages.

The Task Force will be jointly chaired by Herb Dhaliwal, Minister of Natural Resources Canada and by United States Secretary of Energy, Spencer Abraham. Federal, Provincial, State and local authorities, as well as private sector electricity providers, will be invited to contribute to the work of the Task Force.

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