



Getting to 2050: AI, enabler or detractor?

Semi-annual Meeting Agenda

June 19 - 20 2024

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Day 1 - June 19 2024

7:00 - 9:00 PM **NER and SGIN Welcome Reception**

Location: 340 Rue De la Gauchetière 0 2e étage, Montréal, QC H2Z 0B9 (9th floor)

Join us for a networking reception open to members and non-members, on the terrace of the Humaniti hotel (The H3 restaurant).

Day 2 - June 20 2024

Location: Google Montreal, 11th floor, 425 Av. Viger O, Montréal

8:00 - 8:30 AM **Coffee and Breakfast**

8:30 - 9:00 AM **Kick-off and Introduction**

9:00 - 9:30 AM **Welcome from AIEQ, NER & Google**

9:30 - 10:00 AM **Welcome from Quebec Hydro**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Federal Government Updates**

12:00 - 1:30 PM **Lunch & Networking**

1:30 - 2:15 PM **AI in Context**



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2:15 - 3:30 PM Panel - Impact of AI on Utilities

- **How are utilities thinking about AI?**
Keith Hemingway, Head, Advanced Planning, GRE&T Centre, Alectra
- **What is the impact on supply chain and asset management?**
Adnan Chowdry, Regional Vice President, Power Systems Group, Mitsubishi Electric Power Products Inc.
- **How does AI impact the workforce?**
Michelle Branigan, CEO, Electricity Human Resources Canada
- **The impact on the grid operator**
Alex Foord, Chief Information Officer and Vice President of Information & Technology Services, Independent Electricity System Operator (Ontario)
- **How regulatory bodies are thinking about the impact of AI on the customer?**
Lenore Robson, Director of Strategic Policy, Ontario Energy Board

The panel will be moderated by Ahmed Hanafy, Partner, Dunsky

3:30 - 4:00 PM Tour de Tableau and Wrap-up

4:00 - 4:30 PM NER AGM (NER members only)

4:30 - 6:00 PM Break

6:00 - 7:00 PM Reception at Saint James' Club

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7:00 PM - Onwards **Dinner and Social at Saint James' Club, Montreal**

7:00 - 9:30 PM **Panel - Impact of AI on Utility Customers**

CEOs to examine how AI will support customer engagement (residential, small business and large energy consumers), offerings and market participation. The panel will identify key trends, strategic opportunities, barriers and threats.

- **Where are Tech Companies Seeing Opportunities to Support Customer and Utility Energy Transition?**
Jesse Demmel, Chief Technology Officer, Uplight
- **The Quebec Hydro Experience**
Speaker TBD
- **The Essex Powerlines DSO and Customer Involvement**
John Avdoulos, CEO, Essex Powerlines
- **Evolving Business Models**
Guillaume Paradis, Chief Electricity Distribution Officer, Ottawa Hydro
- **AI and Privacy Protection/Cybersecurity**
Richard Wunderlich, Cyber Research Head, Siemens Canada
- **The Opportunity with Institutional Building Retrofits**
Ryan Duffy, Founder and CEO, Blackstone Energy Services

This panel will be moderated by Mark Childerhose, Siemens Canada

9:30 PM **Social Gathering**

