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Electricity Trade Sector Review

**Canadian Forum on Trade
Measurement (CFTM)
Montreal 2000**

*Fair Measure
For All*



*La mesure juste
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Electricity Trade Sector Review Status

- **Key accomplishments to date**
- **Emergent issues to date**
- **Stakeholder consultation plan**



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Key Accomplishments to Date

- **Preconsultation (January to June 2000)**
 - **Face to face bilaterals held with 15 stakeholders in 4 provinces plus initial internal research**
 - **Wanted to involve stakeholders early in design of this consultation process**
 - **Some findings: stakeholders want face to face consultation; meter compliance rates are high but additional information needed on contractor and installation compliance rates**



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Key Accomplishments to Date (contd)

- **Public Interest Advocacy Centre study (*Consumer Issues in Accurate and Fair Electricity Metering*)**
 - **Marketplace confidence is high**
 - **Commercial and industrial consumers may have less need for MC's protection**
 - **Voluntary metering industry code of practice**



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Key Accomplishments to Date (contd)

- **Electricity Stakeholders Advisory Group formed**
 - **To provide "early warning" and strategic advice to ETSR Team throughout the consultation**
 - **Consists of about 15 representative stakeholders (3 consumer groups, 6 accredited organizations, 2 provincial government agencies, 2 manufacturers, CEA, 1 contractor)**
 - **Communicate by face to face meetings and electronic communications**



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Emergent Issues to Date

- **Many consumers will want access to new metering and communications technology**
- **Residential consumers want to know their meter is certified and who to call when they suspect a problem**
- **Stakeholders want MC to take a more activist role in facilitating entry of new metering technology into the marketplace**



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Emergent Issues to Date (contd)

- **Problems expressed with MC's specification development process**
- **Industry seeking increased self regulation**
- **Must make better use of international standards**



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Stakeholder Consultation Plan

- **ETSR Discussion Paper (*Ensuring Accuracy and Equity in Electricity Metering*)**
 - **What we do and how we do it**
 - **Explain MC's new directions**
 - **Poses specific consultation questions**



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Stakeholder Consultation Plan (contd)

- **Face to face meetings (November to January)**
- **Proposed: Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax**
- **Separate groupings of meter service organizations, associations, sellers (contractors), consumers**
- **Consulting and Audit Canada to facilitate**
- **Financial assistance for consumer group participation, if needed**
- **MC to cancel session(s) if insufficient registration**
- **Bilaterals with ETSR team on request**



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Stakeholder Consultation Plan (contd)

- **Web site (<http://mc.ic.gc.ca>)**
 - **Access Discussion Paper and other reports**
 - **Answer consultation questions on line**
 - **E-mail connection to the ETSR Team**
 - **Electronic submission of documents**
 - **Reports of individual public consultation meetings**



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- **Anticipated completion steps:**
 - **Decide if further consultation required (February)**
 - **Draft recommendations for MC Senior Management review and approval (April-May)**
 - **Publish ETSR recommendations and implementation plan (June)**
 - **Conduct an evaluation of the overall sector review (July)**

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