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Electricity Trade Sector Review

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Electricity Trade Sector Review Status

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





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





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





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





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



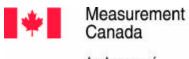


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Stakeholder Consultation Plan (contd)

- 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





Electricity Trade Sector Review

- 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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