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Maintaining Everyone's Confidence in Accurate and Equitable Electricity Metering: The Electricity Trade Sector Review Consultation



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*Fair Measure
For All*



*La mesure juste
pour tous*

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Electric impulse...

- ◆ **Asked to write a brief essay on the life of Benjamin Franklin, one little girl wrote this gem of a paragraph:**

"He was born in Boston, traveled to Philadelphia, met a lady, she laughed at him, he married her, and discovered electricity."

**The Future: It's always
harder than you think its
going to be!**

Measurement Canada's mission:

- ◆ **To ensure equity and accuracy where goods and services are bought and sold on the basis of measurement, in order to contribute to a fair and competitive marketplace for Canadians**

...in all 39 sectors of trade such as:

- ◆ **electricity**
- ◆ **fishing and fish products**
- ◆ **water utilities**
- ◆ **quarries and sand pits**
- ◆ **mining and metals**
- ◆ **fruit and vegetable industry**
- ◆ **taxicab industry**
- ◆ **retail gasoline sector**

... to name but a few

AND to live within our resources...

- ◆ **By periodically assessing measurement in all trade sectors, intervening only where necessary to ensure accuracy and equity in the marketplace.**
- ◆ **Stakeholder's informed views are a key element in these decisions.**

Our level of intervention is ...

- ◆ **the particular package of metrological control programs, policies and services that we provide in a sector or sub-sector**
- ◆ **minimal or non existent in many of these sectors now e.g., fishing industry, water utilities, taxicab industry**
- ◆ **more extensive in others e.g., electricity, retail gasoline, natural gas, retail food**

So what we are asking you during the ETSR consultation is ...

- ◆ **What changes (if any) in our existing level of intervention are appropriate in your sector and why?**
- ◆ **How can we work together to make even better use of alternate service delivery for conducting meter and metering installation inspections? e.g., incentives**
- ◆ **What marketplace performance information, reporting and monitoring mechanisms are needed to maintain everyone's confidence?**
- ◆ **When should we conduct this formal review again?**

Our decision making criteria on proposed changes (non negotiables):

- ◆ **Vulnerable parties must support all recommendations for change**
- ◆ **General agreement/support from all stakeholders**
- ◆ **All affected parties represented**
- ◆ **Aligned with MC Mission and Strategic Direction**
- ◆ **Implementable and sustainable by all parties**
- ◆ **Competitive domestically and internationally**
- ◆ **Roles and responsibilities clear**
- ◆ **Suits present and foreseeable future**
- ◆ **Flexibility to revisit if needed**

Proposed consultation schedule ...

- ◆ **Preconsultation Report, PIAC Consumer Issues Report and Discussion Paper available now**
- ◆ **Invite your on-line input, submissions or questions starting December**
- ◆ **Tentative face to face consultations Toronto week of January 15, Vancouver week of January 22; other cities to follow subsequently**
- ◆ **Electricity Stakeholders Advisory Group to maintain communications throughout**

Some additional considerations ...

- ◆ **Metering points we are talking about**
- ◆ **Additional compliance data still being gathered**
- ◆ **Metering installation inspections**
- ◆ **Communications plan**

So what are your views and perspectives?

- ◆ **What information do you have that could help?
e.g., CEA Consumer Confidence survey results**
- ◆ **Any suggestions on other country or sector regulatory compliance initiatives we should research? e.g., U.S. Uniform Business Practices, UK major/minor consumer split, SITT sector practices etc.**
- ◆ **Might you be making a submission and when?**
- ◆ **How can we ensure maximum stakeholder participation?**
- ◆ **Any other needs, concerns, interests?**

We're listening and invite your input ...

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