

Welcome to the October 2015 issue of the Langford newsletter bringing you product updates and the latest in the Ontario Electricity Industry

Ontario News

IPO - A preliminary prospectus has been filed by Hydro One with the Ontario Securities Commission and the other Canadian securities commissions to provide a comprehensive overview of Hydro One, including its operations and its outlook, in preparation for the IPO. See [Ontario](#) The IPO is expected in early November. See [CBC](#)

Class Action - A class action lawsuit has been launched against Hydro One claiming customers were victims of a new billing system brought in by the utility. See [The Star](#)

More Electricity - Ontario and Quebec are looking at the costs of moving more hydro-electric power from Quebec to Ontario, a move that will likely require the construction of new transmission lines. See [NatlObserver](#)

EA Reinstated - The Federal Court of Appeal overturned the decision which would have sent the environmental assessment for the proposed Darlington Nuclear New Build Project back to the Joint Review Panel and

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invalidated approvals rendered by the Governor-in-Council, the CNSC, the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans and Transport Canada. See [Fogler](#)

Lower Rates - The IESO released the FIT/microFIT price schedule. The energy prices for rooftop and non-rooftop Solar projects in all project tranche sizes decreased between 23.4% and 29.5%. See [Gowlings](#)

Corrupt Practices - A group fighting proposed wind energy projects in Lennox and Addington County filed a complaint with the U.S. Justice Department that alleges NextEra Energy and Renewable Energy Systems Americas violated the U.S.' Foreign Corrupt Practices Act when their Canadian subsidiaries offered financial compensation in exchange for resolutions of municipal support. See [TheWhig](#)

Wind not Welcome - Municipalities in Lambton County were among many in Ontario passing motions declaring themselves unwilling hosts for wind projects. See [Observer](#) and [Observer](#). In a related story, neither the local activist-spearheaded campaign nor the dissenting voice of author Margaret Atwood will prove capable of blocking the Amherst Island Wind Energy Project. See [Cleantech](#) The decision has since been [appealed](#).

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Product Spotlight!... Product Launches

Schneider Electric launched two products this month in separate online broadcasts.

The **PM5000 & PM8000** launch reviews both series of meters and looks at their features, connection options, communication mediums, and provides a guided tour of the display screens of the meter. Visit PMUtube - Karl's corner and scroll down the list of videos.. [Schneider](#) You may have to register.

The **StruxureWare Power Monitoring Expert v8.0** release includes new gadgets in dashboards, creating trends with real-time and historical data, managing alarms, and advanced report features. For full broadcast see [Schneider](#)

Northwestern Ontario and Algoma, the IESO disqualified the region from applying for the Large Renewable Procurement Process. See [Thunder Bay News](#)

Schneider Electric Plug 2015

As always we have a great selection of speakers and topics at this year's Free PLUG Conference. A few highlights:

Keynote Speaker: **Future Energy: Is it Electrifying?** presented by Schneider Commodity Analyst Daniel Holder.

During the breakout sessions, **Case Studies** include Powercore Engineering, Toronto Hydro, Brookfield Properties, and Region of Durham. **Product Updates** and Application focussed sessions include the PM8240 and PM5000 and Solutions for Buildings. .

Schneider **Power Application Engineers** are on-site all day to answer questions in a 'hands-on' environment. To register see [Schneider](#)

ERLPhase Firmware and Software

New firmware v1.8 and Control Panel software v2.6 have been released for the TESLA 4000 Power System Recorder.

Did You Know... Toronto's Energy Crunch

The City of Toronto is facing an energy crunch tougher than that of any other city in Canada. The city is responding with a mix of policies, programs, and projects likely to break ground in several areas, both to attract private interest and investment and to lead by example with its own strategic investments. The primary focus is not on technology, but on innovative solutions to urban energy problems. Although its basic energy issues are similar to those of other fast-growing municipalities, few have the multi-faceted challenge of massive growth, concentrated development, limited inbound supply capacity, aging infrastructure and adapting to a changing climate to the extent that Toronto does. See [IPPSO FACTO](#)

The TESLA 4000 firmware corrects some known issues and offers additional features including extended ranges for some settings, and additional alarm output contact triggers. Read full [TESLA 4000 Firmware v1.8 Release Description](#).

The TESLA Control Panel Software adds extended ranges for some settings, additional alarm output triggers and improved setting file conversion. Read full [TESLA 4000 Control Panel v2.6 Release Description](#) _____

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