

# Blueprint for hydro reform will help achieve efficiency

The winds of change are finally blowing. Last week, after over a year of anticipation, the provincial government released its white paper on Ontario Hydro. The 29-page document is the blueprint for hydro, and along with it the utility's century-long monopoly on the electricity market.

The move is intended to allow for competition in both the wholesale and retail sides of the electricity business by the turn of the century.

The plan is to divide Ontario Hydro into three new provincially-owned companies.

The first will be a generating company that will have to compete with other electricity suppliers both from within Ontario and without.

The transmission company will retain its monopoly to maintain the grid for the province, much like the phone wire service provided by Bell telephone. The third utility will be a retail company.

The contents of the white paper provided few surprises for industry insiders.

The new structure outlined by the province is similar to that recommended by both the Macdonald



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Committee and the Municipal Electric Association (MEA).

While the restructuring is intended to make hydro competitive in the North American marketplace, it also provides for accountability: something Ontario Hydro's critics have demanded for a long time.

Until now, Hydro has been simultaneously the rule maker, the player and referee. Public utilities were accountable to hydro, while at the same time Ontario Hydro offered competitive retail services.

Under the restructuring plan, hydro's retail customers and the existing 275 municipal utilities will all be accountable to a redesigned Ontario Energy Board.

Although it will be some time before the logistics of the government's plan are made clear, the initial response to the white paper has been positive.

John O'Toole, MPP for Durham East and current member of the Select Committee on Ontario Hydro Nuclear Affairs, is supportive.

"I'm encouraged by the fact that competition should reduce costs for customers," he said.

Brian Wilkey, General Manager of Niagara Falls Hydro agrees. "It opens up the marketplace and we think that's a good thing," he said.

One thing that does concern Wilkey is a new tax that will be levied on the distribution utilities to help pay down Hydro's \$30-billion debt.

"We're concerned what affect this will have on the bottom line," he said.

This marks the end of government subsidies for Hydro and begins the era of true cost accounting for energy consumption.

Ultimately the white paper may succeed where environmentalists have failed. When people have to start paying the real cost of generating electricity, conservation and efficiency may finally become economic realities.

Copies of the white paper are available by calling 1-800-565-4923 or on the internet at the following address: [www.ene.gov.on.ca](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca)

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