

Backgrounder: The Development of “Policy Imperatives for the Way Ahead”

During 1996 and 1997, the Stakeholders Alliance led the fight for the establishment of a competitive electricity market in Ontario which would offer customers the right to choose. Over the years, Stakeholder Alliance and its members have actively and communicated with the Ontario Government and regulatory agencies on the full range of issues relating to the electricity market reform and everything from asset to decontrol, stranded debt, the MEU transfer tax, the Hydro One IPO and events around the introduction of Ontario’s action plan last November.

In the aftermath of the government’s Action Plan last year, the Executive of the Stakeholders Alliance decided that the member organizations needed to consider their respective positions and to determine what role, if any, the Stakeholders Alliance should have in the period leading up to 2006 and beyond.

This culminated with Stakeholders Alliance Power Summit which took place on May 14, 2003. This brought together over 60 senior representatives of all the member organizations of the Stakeholders Alliance together with outside corporations, organizations and experts, including representatives of the financial sector. After a day of intense discussions, the unanimous decision was made for the Stakeholders Alliance to move ahead to provide a united voice on the main principles for electricity reform in Ontario.

Over the summer, the Alliance has developed, refined and approved an action plan entitled “Policy Imperatives for the Way Ahead”.

A companion **Policy Backgrounder** is also included in this package or can be downloaded from <http://ca.geocities.com/stakeholdersalliance>.