



OEN Member Bulletin

Dear Jake

As many of you will know, David Reid retired as the OEN President as of December 31, 2014. He had been with the OEN since inception and has moved the organization forward in tremendous ways over those 14 years. He quite rightly can take pride in the successes he has achieved for the OEN, and for the reputation of the organization in the industry. We wish him well in his future endeavours and in his retirement.

Filling David's shoes will not be easy, but I am also pleased to announce we have found a great industry veteran to take on the challenge as President of the Ontario Energy Network.



Mr. Ceksters was responsible for management of Enersource Corporation's full range of regulated and non-regulated business interests. This included the successful operation of Enersource Hydro Mississauga, one of Ontario's largest local distribution utilities. Enersource Hydro Mississauga has revenues exceeding 500 million dollars annually and approximately 320 employees who serve 200,000 customers.

In addition to the important responsibility of maintaining high performance within Enersource's local distribution network, Mr. Ceksters was a strong proponent of the LDC role in developing smaller distributed and clean sources of power generation to strengthen the reliability and capacity of Ontario's electricity grid. Enersource has also been a strong supporter of conservation delivered directly to customers, at the local level, to achieve sustained lowering of the demand for power.

In pursuit of progressive change, Mr. Ceksters served as a member and Co-Chair of the Electricity Conservation and Supply Task Force throughout 2003. Mr. Ceksters places a priority on achieving success with smart metering and served on the provincial steering committee for the implementation of smart meters in Ontario. He also served on the on the board of the Electricity Distributors Association (EDA).

Gunars Ceksters was President and Chief Executive Officer of Enersource Corporation from May 2001 until June of 2007. Prior to that, he held the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation's electricity distribution affiliate.

Mr. Ceksters is presently serving as the Chair of the Board of Erie Thames Powerlines, an LDC run out of Ingersoll, Ontario. The holding company, ERTH Corporation uses a progressive approach in running its fleet of businesses. This was a factor in Mr. Ceksters' decision to join the company.

Mr. Ceksters holds a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Toronto and is a 31 year veteran of the electric utility business. He has extensive experience in all aspects of electrical distribution and was an active member of many industry associations and committees. In 2005, Mr. Ceksters was awarded the EDA Chair's Citation for recognition of years of outstanding dedicated service to the association and the industry. He was also made a lifetime member of the OEN when he retired from Enersource.

We very much look forward to Gunars joining us and his becoming an active member of our OEN team.

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Chair, Ontario Energy Network

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