



Message from the Minister of Natural Resources

As Minister of Natural Resources, I am pleased to welcome you to the Electrical Power Symposium 2006.

Energy is a major part of Natural Resources Canada's mandate. It's a fascinating area to be working in right now, especially as we move into a new energy economy in which Canada will play a role as an energy superpower.

I believe Canada will thrive in this position, but there are a number of issues we must continue to address. These include reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, using more renewable energy sources and meeting our increasing energy needs.

Clean energy technologies are part of the answer. These can lower harmful emissions and ensure clean air, water, land and energy for Canadians. That is why I support the convergence of energy, high technology and telecommunications.

Your organization is showing leadership in furthering discussion about these technologies, which have supported our high quality of life. By bringing these technologies together, we will be helping to ensure that Canadians benefit from our energy resources — now and in the future.

We will continue to look to organizations like yours for creative ideas and ongoing support in meeting Canada's energy goals.

I congratulate the Ottawa chapters of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the IEEE Power Engineering Society and the IEEE Reliability Society, for organizing this event. This symposium furthers innovation in the energy industry, and your efforts will help to shape our future.

Best wishes for a successful conference.

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