

# A Blueprint for Building Sustainable Communities

Ontario's Electricity distributors have a long-term Vision for the future role of the province's distributors that will make a significant contribution to achieving environmentally sustainable communities through the smart use of electricity. The Vision speaks of possibility and outlines a bold approach to modernizing and expanding Ontario's electricity delivery system to meet the needs of Ontarians into the future. It envisions the LDC of the future working within a policy and regulatory framework that supports and rewards value creation and innovation.

**Ontario's electricity distributors have a long and exemplary history of providing safe, reliable and trusted electricity distribution services to customers.** Distributors are no strangers to change - for over a century they have not only adapted their businesses, but helped customers adapt to changes in Ontario's electricity market. Electricity distributors are the trusted 'face' of Ontario's power system for all electricity consumers – residents, businesses, industry and public institutions.

**Electricity distributors can, and want to do more, by expanding their businesses and working with municipalities to create the sustainable communities of tomorrow.** We envision a distribution system that will make a significant contribution to achieving environmentally sustainable communities through the smart use of electricity. In bringing this collective vision forward, we will have the power to map a new and exciting course for the future of the province's distribution sector and for municipalities across Ontario.

**Embracing change and new technologies, Ontario's electricity distributors are ready to lead and participate in building the sustainable communities of the future.** The province's electricity distributors envision a future that ensures a sustainable, robust and environmentally sound electricity distribution system is in place for future generations of Ontarians. It is a future that will be realized through dynamic collaboration with municipalities and communities and provide environmental, social and economic benefits to shareholders and to electricity consumers across Ontario.

**Public expectations are changing.** The environment is high on the list of concerns and there is an expectation that businesses, including local distributors, will do their part to be environmentally responsible not only in their own operations but in the products and services they design and deliver. In addition to providing a reliable and sustainable electricity system to support economic growth, electricity distributors want to achieve a balance with managing society's environmental footprint.