

## **Workshop on the Transition to an ERO that can work as an Effective International Organization**

**Where: Delta Toronto Airport West Hotel in Toronto Ontario**

**When: December 8, 2004**

**Time: 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m. EST**

*The workshop is supported by the Federal-Provincial-Territorial ADM Electricity Working Group, the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.*

The Bilateral ERO Oversight Group, which includes representatives of the above-mentioned organizations, is addressing key issues for the transition from the current, North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) to an Electricity Reliability Organization (ERO) that can work on an international basis. The purpose of this workshop is to explore the robustness of options for the ERO with a focus on international aspects. The ideas generated will bring stakeholder views together and gather feedback relating to issues around the development and implementation of the ERO.

To the extent practical, it will be beneficial for the affected parties in Canada and the U.S. to come to a common understanding on certain basic questions concerning the ERO before the U.S. Congress enacts reliability legislation. Once the U.S. legislation is enacted, the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will be on a tight schedule to issue a final rule (pertaining to operations of the ERO within the U.S.) within 180 days. This workshop will provide an opportunity to address issues related to the proposed ERO.