

Atlantic Electricity Cooperation Initiative launches in PEI

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CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI — The Atlantic Electricity Cooperation Initiative (“AECI”) was launched today at a gathering of clean energy leaders.

The AECI is a collaborative effort to bring utilities, regulators, governments, Indigenous nations and people together to drive forward a shared, clean energy future for Atlantic Canada.

Supported by the Transition Accelerator, AECI will:

- Undertake ambitious modeling to explore electrification of the region’s grid as a tool to advance clean energy;
- Advocate for public policy that supports affordable, reliable and clean regional grid; and
- Deliver a public awareness campaign focused on electrification to promote Atlantic Canada’s clean energy story.

“The region’s clean energy leaders have come together to build on the momentum around collaboration in the region by taking it one step further,” said **Andy MacCallum, the newly appointed Executive Director for the Atlantic Electricity Cooperation Initiative**. “The initiative will demonstrate alignment at scale so the region can unlock federal capital, deliver durable collaboration across four provincial electricity systems, and secure a prosperous clean energy future.”

“Regional cooperation on energy planning is the most practical way to understand how to better deliver a reliable, affordable and sustainable energy future. This initiative is a meaningful step to better understand and pursue Atlantic Canada’s full economic potential,” said **Michelle Robichaud, President of the Atlantica Centre for Energy**.

"We've seen how important strong partnerships are to getting real projects off the ground. The Atlantic Electricity Cooperation Initiative brings the right people together to strengthen collaboration across sectors — helping move shared priorities forward across Atlantic Canada," said **Steven Myers, VP Partnerships, Foresight Canada**.

Over the coming months, the Atlantic Electricity Cooperation Initiative will release detailed modeling to demonstrate what regional electrification could look like. A public-facing campaign will be launched in the fall.

What is regional collaboration?

Regional collaboration means Atlantic Canada's provinces, utilities, regulators, governments, and communities working together as one integrated energy system rather than acting separately. It focuses on aligning assumptions, planning processes, and investment decisions, so that shared energy challenges are addressed at an appropriate scale. By embracing collaboration, Atlantic Canada can reduce duplication, manage risk, strengthen its collective voice, and unlock more affordable, reliable, and prosperous energy outcomes for the entire region.

The Atlantic Electricity Cooperation Initiative's partners in this work are **ABS Business Development, Atlantic Offshore Wind Coalition, Atlantica Centre for Energy, Clean Foundation, econext, Electrifying Canada, Foresight Canada, and Net Zero Atlantic**.

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