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Canadian Electricity Association Applauds Conservative Party Commitments to Cyber Security, Clean Energy Technology and Skills Training

OTTAWA, Ontario – October 9, 2015. The Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) is pleased to see the Conservative Party of Canada’s commitment to continued action on cyber security, support for emerging clean energy technologies, and initiatives to enhance skills training as announced today in their election platform.

“CEA appreciates the Conservative Party’s continued commitment to key electricity sector priorities, and in particular, a specific reference to the impacts of growing cyber threats on the electric grid”, said the Hon. Sergio Marchi, President and CEO of CEA. “As one of Canada’s ten Critical Infrastructure sectors, CEA members are operators of vital cyber systems and support measures to protect physical and cyber assets essential to Canada’s security.”

CEA is also encouraged by measures in support of emerging clean energy technologies and applauds the continued support for Sustainable Development Technology Canada which play a critical role in fostering electricity innovation and bringing new technologies to market.

Additionally, renewed support for skills training initiatives, including those targeted at Aboriginal Canadians, are critical for Canada’s electricity sector which faces an acute human resources challenge. “We welcome measures to address skilled worker shortages and support flexible programs that will promote careers in the electricity sector which is in need of a new generation of skilled workers,” added Mr. Marchi.

About CEA

Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) members generate, transmit and distribute electrical energy to industrial, commercial, residential and institutional customers across Canada every day. From vertically integrated electric utilities, independent power producers, transmission and distribution companies, to power marketers, to the manufacturers and suppliers of materials, technology and services that keep the industry running smoothly -- all are represented by this national industry association.

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