



Invitation to the CEC Symposium:
“Environmental Challenges and Opportunities of the
North American Electricity Market”
29–30 November 2001, Hyatt Regency La Jolla, San Diego, California

Dear Colleague,

I would like to invite you to participate in the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) symposium: “Environmental Challenges and Opportunities of the North American Electricity Market,” 29–30 November 2001, in San Diego, California. During the one and one-half day symposium, speakers and attendees, including leading industry, academic, NGO and government experts from Canada, Mexico and the United States, will discuss the key environmental dimensions of the rapidly changing North American electricity market. Results from the symposium will help shape the CEC’s recommendations to the NAFTA countries on this important topic, in addition to identifying future areas of work for the Commission.

Chaired by former Congressman Philip Sharp and held in cooperation with the Institute of the Americas, the symposium will feature highly interactive sessions with leading actors in the field. Discussants will examine the environmental dimensions of the North American integrated energy market, including prospects for renewable sources of energy, electricity conservation, energy efficiency, as well as relevant trade issues and enhanced cross-border/regional environmental planning and assessment.

Please find attached the preliminary agenda and registration form for the symposium. The event is open to the public as space availability permits; please register early to ensure your participation. The enclosed registration form provides information for the preferential room rate at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla, as well as venue and accommodation details.

During the afternoon of 30 November from 14:30 to 17:00 (same location), you are invited to attend as observers a meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the CEC. JPAC members will discuss their advice to the CEC Council on the North American Electricity Market and the new JPAC mandate on access to environmental information in North America.

For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Block <gblock@ccemtl.org>, or Yolanda Clegg <yolanda@ccemtl.org> (514) 350-4368. More information concerning the CEC’s Electricity and the Environment initiative may be accessed on our web site <www.cec.org/electricity>. We hope very much that you will be able to join us in November.

Sincerely,

Janine Ferretti
Executive Director
Commission for Environmental Cooperation