

# **P**RESIDENT'S BULLETIN

## **The August Blackout - Keep Safety First**

The recent blackout serves as a stark reminder that the electricity system in Ontario and other neighbouring jurisdictions is in immediate need of significant investment to restore customer faith in the province's power system.

The PWU continues to support plans to bring appropriate investment into our industry. There is no question that electricity sector employees deserve our congratulations and appreciation for their efforts to restore power but it is clear that the facilities - the wires, the towers and the stations - need attention.

We will continue to press our position for increased investment to rehabilitate existing wires and generation facilities and to increase capacity at all levels of the electricity distribution, transmission and generation system.

In the meantime, while we work with our employers, provincial regulators and the government to improve the physical aspects of the electricity system, I caution all employees to continue to exercise the highest level of safety, particularly when the whole system (including people and the equipment) is under extreme stress and strain.

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