

Starr heads hydro group

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Ron Starr has been acclaimed as head of the Municipal Electrical Association (MEA) representing 255 electrical utilities and \$7 billion worth of hydro sales across Ontario.

The members of the MEA provide 75 per cent of the electricity load in the province. Starr was elected at the recent MEA convention in Toronto.

"As chair of Hydro Mississauga, I am experiencing first-hand the complex decisions that must be made by all municipally-owned distribution companies in response to the emergence of competition," Starr said after



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his election. "There has never been a greater demand for the services and expertise that are offered by MEA. Deregulation of the electricity industry is scheduled to begin next year, ushering in competition and massive, almost overwhelming, change for our membership and new options for the 2.8 million customers we serve."

Starr, a long-time Mississauga resident and former city councillor, is active in a number of community organizations. He is currently a director of Credit Valley Hospital, a director of the Living Arts Centre and serves on the university trustees foundation for Michigan Tech. University.