

## **Veteran Regulatory Lawyers Honoured With Energy Bear Awards**

July 17 – (Calgary) Two of Canada’s most experienced and respected energy regulatory lawyers - Kemm Yates, Q.C. of the Calgary office of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP and Laura Formusa, president and chief executive of Hydro One Inc. – have been named recipients of the 2010 Energy Bear Awards.

The awards, presented by the Canadian Energy Law Forum, recognize substantial contributions to the field of energy regulatory law that demonstrate ongoing leadership and excellence. Yates and Formusa received their awards before an audience of their peers during the fourth annual Canadian Energy Law Forum, held in Val-David, Quebec.

Each award is an imposing soapstone carving of a polar bear, weighing more than 30 pounds, sculpted by renowned Nunavut master carver Mark Totan.

Yates received the award for his many contributions during 30 years as a regulatory lawyer appearing before the courts and regulators at the provincial and federal levels in Canada including the Ontario Energy Board, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the National Energy Board, the Alberta Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Formusa was recognized for her multiple leadership roles as both legal counsel and an executive at Hydro One and its predecessors. Formusa joined Ontario Hydro, then Canada’s largest provincial crown corporation, in 1980, rising to general counsel and corporate secretary in 2003, and president and chief executive in 2006.

Previous Energy Bear Award winners include Ontario Energy Board chair Howard Wetston, Q.C.; former Alberta Energy and Utilities Board chairman Neil McCrank, Q.C.; and Peter Thompson, Q.C., a veteran regulatory-law expert and the managing partner of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP’s Ottawa office.

Winners are selected by the organizing committee of the Canadian Energy Law Forum, which is co-chaired by Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) chief executive Bob Heggie and Ontario Energy Board vice-chair Gordon Kaiser; and which includes AUC general counsel Doug Larder, Stikeman Elliot LLP’s Luigi Cusano, Glenn Leslie of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Mark Rodger of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Quebec Regie de l’énergie director of legal services Pierre Tourigny, Terry Dalgleish, Q.C. of Davis LLP and George Vegh of McCarthy Tetrault LLP.

For more information on the awards or the Canadian Energy Law Forum, please contact Bob Heggie at 403-592-4440, or via email at [bob.heggie@auc.ab.ca](mailto:bob.heggie@auc.ab.ca).

**Editors:** Photos for your use of Yates and Formusa with their Energy Bear awards are included or available by request from [bob.heggie@auc.ab.ca](mailto:bob.heggie@auc.ab.ca) or 403-592-4440. Caption information is imbedded in each photo under Properties in the Summary area. *FormusaWEnergyBear.jpg* shows, from left to right, Mark Rodger, co-chair of the energy markets group at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP and Laura Formusa, president and chief executive of Hydro One Inc. Formusa was a 2010 winner of the Energy Bear Award from the Canadian Energy Law Forum. Rodger is a member of the Canadian Energy Law Forum organizing committee. *YatesWEnergyBear.jpg* shows Kemm Yates, Q.C., pictured with his Canadian Energy Law Forum Energy Bear Award in his Calgary office at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP.



