

The Engineering Institute of Canada

Julian C. Smith Medal – 2017

(recognizing achievement in the development of Canada)



J.R. (Dick) Frey

Nominated by the Canadian Society of Senior Engineers

Dick Frey is the retired Managing Director Utilities of the ATCO Group. He has made outstanding contributions to the Electrical Systems of Alberta, Northwest Territories and the Yukon. During his working career, he led and participated in the building of the Sheerness Generating Station and the back to back DC tie between Alberta and Saskatchewan. For some fifteen years, he was a member of the Alberta Electric Utilities Planning Council whose mandate was the planning of generation and transmission additions for the province of Alberta.

Following the Alberta Government's decision in the mid-1990s to deregulate the generation and sale of electricity he was heavily involved in the restructuring of the provincial industry and ATCO Electric. Upon retirement from the ATCO Group, Dick served as a board member and co-chair of the Edmonton and Area Child and Family Services Authority for seven years.

This evening we are pleased to honour this dedicated Engineer.

Ladies and Gentleman and Mr. President, please welcome Dick Frey as a Julian C Smith medal recipient of the Engineering Institute of Canada.