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Algonquin Power & Utilities Corporation, the parent company of Liberty, is a diversified international electric generation, transmission, and distribution utility with over \$17 billion of total assets.

Company Profile

Regulated services group

- Provides regulated wastewater, water, natural gas and electric utility services from renewable and non-renewable energy
- Operates in Canada, the United States, Bermuda, and Chile
- >1,200,000 customer connections

Renewable energy group

- Generates and sells electrical energy produced by renewable power generation facilities
- Includes hydroelectric, wind, solar, renewable natural gas and thermal facilities
- Locations: Canada and the United States

Industry Trends and Challenges

- Renewable energy generation is dependent on environmental and weather-controlled factors and susceptible to climate change impacts
 - → Balance supply and demand while achieving low-carbon energy transition and economy
 - > Strengthen energy reliability and affordability
- High business and operational complexity due to decentralized energy generation from multiple modalities and regions
- Technological integration for multiple systems and grid modernization
- Changing stakeholder expectations and ESG reporting requirements
 - → Growing interest in decarbonization and digitalization
 - → Evolving regulations on ESG commitment disclosure

Key Takeaways

- Regional breakdown of ESG data reflects diverse business modalities and geographic operating locations
 - > lesson organizational impacts of climate-related risks
- Linking sustainability performance to loan instrument reduces costs of debt and incentivizes business and sustainability goals
- Integrating material ESG priorities into Enterprise Risk Management plans helps create sustainable value
 - E: greenhouse gas emissions, water management, climate resiliency, low-carbon technology and economy
 - S: affordability, infrastructure investment and resiliency, employee health and safety
 - G: risk management, board & management diversity, cybersecurity

Role & Responsibilities

- Conducted market research for ESG and sustainability reporting programs and initiatives
- Assisted in **ESG data collection** and **verification** from internal subject matter experts, business groups and external market sources
- Assisted in ESG rating agencies submissions
- Participated in ESG software optimization efforts, e.g. Diligent and Workiva, for better internal controls
- Supported the development of Regional Sustainability Council project charter
- Conducted research and peer analysis for ESG target setting to make progress to net-zero commitment in 2050

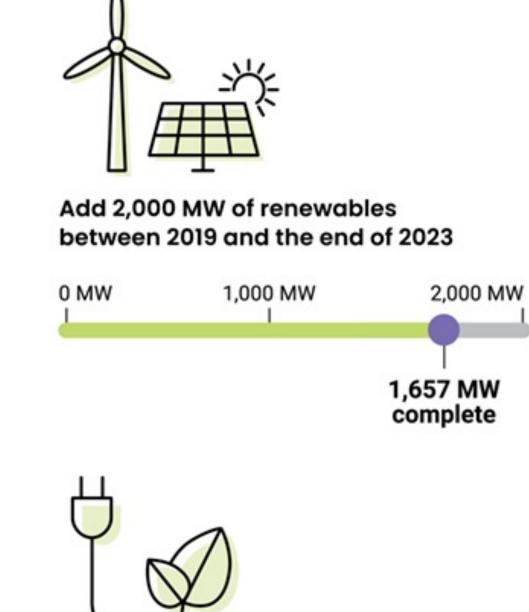
Contributions & Key Accomplishments

- Assisted in data collection and verification of 1000+ data points and stakeholder engagement for legal review and internal audit of ESG Report, ESG performance index in line with the latest standards of Greenhouse Gas Protocol, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB)
- Prepared submissions of Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), S&P Global, FTSE Russell, Corporate Knights, Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) and Ares

Memorable Experiences

- Participated in Amherst Island Wind Farm Tour
- Volunteered for Reverse Mentorship Program to pair up with the Senior Director of Data Innovation & Decision Intelligence

Net-zero Interim Targets (As of August 31, 2022)



by the end of 2023

