

IESO Engagement

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To: IESO Engagement
Subject: I support phasing out gas-fired electricity by 2030

Dear Energy planning IESO,

Mr. Chuck Farmer
Senior Director, Power System Planning
Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. Farmer:

Re: The Phasing-Out of Ontario's Gas-Fired Power Plants

I'm pleased to hear the IESO is initiating a study to explore how we may phase out the Province's gas-fired power plants in an effort for Ontario to do its share in lowering greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

I'm an Ontario native that works in energy infrastructure finance globally with some of the largest utilities and grid operators... and am currently working in New York assisting the state in closing some of its gas fired plants.

The clean tech strategies (i.e. wind, solar, energy storage) NY is implementing not only lower and stabilize the cost of energy, they're improving grid reliability and resiliency and are doing so while shuttering gas and nuclear plants....therefore, its disheartening to watch Ontario not taking similar action when I know first hand clean tech is the superior strategy.

To that, it's important to note Ontario has already made a significant investment into renewable energy under both the FIT and LRP programs at which time were all told that our contributions through past subsidies would help lower the cost of clean technologies (which they have), at which time the Province would leverage the lower cost technologies to help lower our total average cost of electricity.

Well, that time is now, otherwise the Province is literally throwing away our past investment.

In sum, now that the cost pf renewable energy components have declined almost 95% since the Green Energy Act was first implemented, it does not make economic sense for the Province not to allow rate and tax payers to benefit from our past investment by expanding reliance on dirty, expensive fossil fuels.

We must implement more renewables and not expand reliance on outdated fossil fuels.

We are going to be left behind on the technology front globally, not to mention adding GHG unnecessarily for future generations to deal with.

The IESO's actions can and should make a significant contribution to Ontario and Canada's reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, therefore PLEASE consider the aforementioned.

I look forward to following the progress of this work, and the guidance it will provide to lead Ontario toward the green and prosperous economic future.

Respectfully,

Brent O'Connor

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Sincerely,

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