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I'm looking forward to the upcoming webinar, and wanted to express my thanks for the work that has already been put into the Gas Phase-Out Impact Assessment.

I've worked adjacent to different kinds of engineers for much of my career, and I understand the difficulty in balancing feasibility, shifting requirements, and overly-simplified perceptions of the work. I appreciate that there are many elements of phasing out gas that will be extremely difficult, costly, and relatively more risky in maintaining continuity and capacity.

However, in this case, the alternatives are dire. Every G7 nation is far behind their already-modest climate goals, and in many dimensions Canada is one of the worst offenders. We did a terrific thing by phasing out coal-fired power generation, and to see us rapidly eating into the progress we made by shifting to gas is literally putting our lives and the lives of the very next generation in grave danger.

This is not an easy problem. We are in a dire situation. We need to start digging ourselves out now, as quickly as possible. I hope that the engagement webinar demonstrates that IESO understands the danger we are in and is willing to act responsibly to reduce carbon emissions as much as possible.

See you at the webinar,
Mike