

## **IESO Engagement**

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**To:** IESO Engagement  
**Subject:** Feedback - Gas Phase-Out Impact Assessment

To Independent Electricity Systems Operator,

I am writing to you this morning in hopes that you will implement a plan for phasing out natural gas fired electricity by 2030. I understand this is an enormous task, however given the increasingly concerning news about the climate and the fact that our emissions have been increasing on average, we have few options left.

Ontario needs to phase out gas-fired electricity in Ontario by 2030. This is an important step toward critical climate goals. Allowing any increase in the use of gas-fired electricity will worsen our deepening climate crisis.

We have much better, low-cost ways to generate electricity including wind, solar, and Quebec hydro power. Both the US and the UK committed to transitioning to zero carbon electricity systems. Ontario must now make the same commitment. Natural gas makes up around 6% of electricity generation in Ontario, making replacing this energy source with alternative no-emissions sources relatively easy.

The vast majority of current gas-plant contracts will expire by 2030, so it's the perfect time to phase out gas.

Failing to do this will make Ontario miss its already weak climate targets. Corporate Knights magazine gave Ontario a C- in its recent net zero report card.

Please take action for the sake of our future.

Yours truly,

Tony Ferguson 