

IESO Engagement

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Subject: Feedback - Gas Phase-Out Impact Assessment

To Independent Electricity Systems Operator,

I am writing to voice my concern about the escalating evidence of rising temperatures across Canada and globally. It is clear that actions to bring carbon emissions to zero are urgent. The faster we can do this the more likely we will be able to preserve a safe climate future for our children.

Ontario will not meet even its weak climate goals if our government proceeds with plans to increase gas plants. Both the UK and US have committed to transitioning to zero carbon energy generation. Ontario must make the same commitment. 2030 should be the timeframe to phase out gas powered electricity generation since most contracts with gas plants will expire in 2030.

Renewable energy technologies together with cheap hydro sources in Quebec would meet Ontario's needs. Solar, wind and hydro energy generation innovations and scale are also driving the price of zero emission power lower than power from fossil fuels and nuclear generation. Now is the time to commit to sustainable renewable energy for Ontario which will also result in decreasing energy costs to citizens in addition to cleaner air and safer environment.

Thank you for your attention to my concern.

Yours truly,

Barbara Schumacher 