IESO Engagement

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To: IESO Engagement

Subject: Electricity without Fossil Fuels

Dear IESO,

I am writing to support the phasing out of gas-fired electricity in Ontario by 2030. I oppose any increase in the use of gas-fired electricity to meet future requirements. I would like to see Ontario's climate change commitments as a priority in this engagement process and in the resulting reports.

Since 2018, Ontario's carbon emissions have been on the rise - for the first time in a decade. Ontario has promised to cut emissions by 30% by 2030. Yet the present plan to increase dependence on gas forecasts a steady increase of emissions with a tripling by that date. We cannot let this happen.

Renewable and now dependable forms of energy, like that from wind and solar, are cleaner and less costly than that from gas plants. Ontario needs to encourage, rather than block, renewable energy sources from entering the grid and to reinstate programs of energy conservation. It needs to join other provinces and countries, who are in the process of phasing out fossil fuels and transitioning to zero-carbon electricity systems.

I would ask the IESO to provide a credible framework to guide Ontario towards a zero carbon future with a balanced plan of energy efficiency and renewable energy and away from the critical mistake of allowing ever rising emissions due to the ill-advised choice of continued use of fossil fuels.

Please keep me informed about your plans for the use of gas-fired electricity in Ontario.

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