

IESO Engagement

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Subject: Feedback to Gas Phase-Out Assessment

Hello,

I read with interest the presentation titled 'Gas Phase-Out Impact Assessment' dated May 27, 2021 and authored by Chuck Farmer.

As an Ontario business owner, homeowner, parent and citizen, I believe the information presented was developed with a bias toward preserving the current trajectory of gas-powered generation in Ontario.

Evaluating energy generation solely on measures such as 'reliability' and 'economic life' have, to date, failed to develop a sustainable energy system for Ontario. We currently have an energy system that has a huge contribution from nuclear and fossil fuels, both of which have strong 'reliability' but none of the costs of mitigating the downstream pollution (nuclear waste and carbon emissions) have been properly factored into the calculations.

The era, and error, of fossil fuels is over. Every ton of CO₂ that is emitted into the atmosphere will cost significantly more to remove if we are to properly rebalance the ecosystem before major negative climate impacts begin to affect day-to-day life in Ontario.

It is time for the IESO to make a concrete, aggressive plan to end natural gas electricity generation as soon as possible in this province.

Thank you.

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