

Feedback Form

Gas Phase-Out Impact Assessment – May 27, 2021

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Questions

Topic	Feedback
<p>Are there additional considerations the IESO has not identified in defining the scope of the assessment to examine the reliability, operability, timing, cost and wholesale market implications of reduced emissions on the electricity system?</p>	<p>Natural gas is a clean, reliable fuel that is and can be used to generate electricity on demand. Gas generation plays a critical role in Ontario's power system providing Ontarians with a stable, reliable power supply when needed. Without a proven method of generating electricity on demand, to balance regional supply and demand issues there could be far reaching economic implications to families and businesses in many regions of Ontario. Natural gas generation (combined heat and power or cogeneration) is widely used in agriculture and food processing and is essential for greenhouse production of fruit and vegetables, as well as other horticultural crops. The greenhouse sector relies heavily on CHP generation for both heat and lighting needs. Without electricity contracts, or a means of selling electrical power to the grid, greenhouse production costs will increase marginally. These increased costs will be passed on to consumers and could put the cost of fresh produce out of reach for some families.</p>

General Comments/Feedback

Thank you for your consideration.