



Electricity from Quebec is not a Reliable Solution for Ontario - or Quebec

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Toronto, Ontario - In "***Buying Electricity from Quebec: The Case Against New Intertie Capacity***" author Marc Brouillette outlines how the \$3.3 billion cost to upgrade interconnections with Quebec outweighs the benefits and is also 50% higher than a made-in-Ontario alternative for meeting the province's projected needs.

Quebec does not currently have available generation all year round, and already relies on Ontario's gas-fired generation capacity in the winter. Quebec's recently developed energy surplus is available for the rest of each year, but even this is forecast to evaporate by 2028. Similarly, Ontario would not have reliable low carbon supply for Quebec after the Pickering nuclear generating station retires in 2024, removing a resource Quebec uses to store water and hence sustain its surplus. Neither province can rely on the other for a reliable supply in the long run.

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