

Renewables-based Distributed Energy Resources in Ontario: A Three-Part Series of Unfortunate Truths

Part 2 – Ratepayer Cost Implications

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Toronto, Ontario - In ***“Renewables-based Distributed Energy Resources in Ontario: A Three-Part Series of Unfortunate Truths. Part 2 – Ratepayer Cost Implications”*** author and principle consultant at Strategic Policy Economics (Strapolec), Marc Brouillette describes how intermittent renewable generation characteristics differ greatly from the patterns of energy demand in Ontario. In this second of a series of three Commentaries, Marc Brouillette points out that pursuing renewables-based distributed energy resources has the potential to increase ratepayer bills by 10 to 20 percent and that no mix of wind, solar and storage to reduce emissions improves the economics for Ontario ratepayers.

Principal consultant at Strapolec, author Marc Brouillette has been advising provincial and federal government ministries, agencies and Crown corporations for more than 20 years. He specializes in technology-based, public-private initiatives in policy-driven regulated environments. Recently, he has been a regular commentator on policy matters related to Ontario’s energy sector. Mr. Brouillette’s in-depth and detailed assessments include *Ontario Emissions and the LTEP* and *Renewables and Ontario/Quebec Transmission System Inerties*. Marc holds a BSc in Systems Design Engineering from the University of Waterloo and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business.

The next and final installment in this three-part series of CCRE Commentaries by Marc Brouillette will identify the economic and competitiveness implications for Ontario.

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