

Toward a National Energy Vision – Electricity System Implications for Ontario and Quebec

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Toronto - In its latest *CCRE Commentary*, the Council for Clean & Reliable Energy (CCRE) provides a case study on the importance of three national energy vision principles: fact and science-based discussions, the need for comprehensive and reliable data, and ensuring affordability. Written by energy expert Marc Brouillette, principal consultant at Strategic Policy Economics (Strapolec), this *CCRE Commentary* is entitled **"Toward a National Energy Vision - Case Study: Electricity System Implications for Ontario and Quebec."**

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 and has recently been a frequent commentator on policy matters related to Ontario's energy sector.

This third *Commentary* in the CCRE series advancing a National Energy Vision explores the misalignment of electricity policies and climate objectives in Ontario and how that presents risks to achieving national climate goals. Brouillette then lays out how opportunities may be enabled through collaboration between Ontario and Quebec on an overall regional energy vision to enable a Net-Zero energy transformation that works hand-in-glove with Canada's overall climate policies.

CCRE *Commentaries* are published several times a year. Previous issues covered redesign of the feed-in tariff, ensuring customers benefit from utility mergers, re-establishing realistic electricity prices, gaining public acceptance for energy infrastructure and building a principled approach for a Canadian national energy vision. They can be found on the CCRE website at <u>www.thinkingenergy.ca</u>.

The CCRE is a forum for reasoned analysis on subjects related to energy policy. In the past, the Council has sponsored conferences on vital energy-supply topics such as the Ontario Auditor General's report on the province's renewable energy program, clean coal technology, nuclear power, governance models in the electricity sector, biomass energy opportunities and rationalizing electricity distribution.

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