Ontario’s Electricity Options: A Cost Comparison

Energy Efficiency – Industrial Quebec Water Power – Spot Market Price

Energy Efficiency – Residential, Commercial & Small Industrial Quebec Wind Power

Energy Efficiency – Industrial Quebec Wind Power – Firm Contract

Ontario Wind Power

Price of Nuclear Power in 2019

Ontario Solar Power

Price of Nuclear Power in 2025

1.7¢

2.2¢

5¢

6.3¢

8.6¢

8.8¢

15.7¢

16.5¢

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**Notes**

**Energy efficiency:** In 2017 the Independent Electricity System Operator’s (IESO) average levelized unit energy cost (LUEC) of procuring a kWh of electricity savings was 1.69 cents. Independent Electricity System Operator, 2017 *Report on Energy-Efficiency Activities*, page 8.

**Quebec water power – spot market price:** In 2017 the average price of Ontario’s spot market electricity purchases from Quebec was 2.2 cents per kWh. Financial Accountability Office of Ontario, *Electricity Trade Agreement: An Assessment of the Ontario-Quebec Electricity Trade Agreement*, (Spring 2018), page 7.

**Quebec water power – firm contract:** On June 22, 2017 Hydro Quebec offered to sell Ontario 8 billion kWh per year, for 20 years, at a price of 6.12 cents per kWh. In August 2017 Hydro Quebec lowered its proposed price to 5 cents per kWh, but the Government of Ontario still refused to accept the offer. Letter from Steve Demers, Vice President, Hydro Quebec to Peter Gregg, CEO, Independent Electricity System Operator, (June 22, 2017); and Pierre Couture, “Hydro Quebec l’Ontario en ligne de mire”, *Journal de Montreal*, (August 16, 2017).

In 2017 the average price of Hydro Quebec’s short and long-term electricity exports was 4.7 cents per kWh. Hydro Quebec, *Annual Report 2017*, page 76.

**Quebec wind power:** In 2014 Hydro Quebec used a competitive procurement process to contract for wind power at an average generation cost of 6.3 cents per kWh. Hydro Quebec, *Press Release*, “Calls for tenders for the purchase of 450 MW of wind power: Hydro-Quebec Distribution accepts 3 bids totalling 446.4 MW”, (December 16, 2014).

**Ontario wind power:** IESO, *News Release*, “IESO Announces Results of Competitive Bids for Large Renewable Projects,” (March 10, 2016).


**Price of Nuclear Power in 2025:** Ontario Power Generation has told the Ontario Energy Board that it will need to raise its price of nuclear power to 16.5 cents per kWh in 2025 to pay for the re-building of the Darlington Nuclear Station. Ontario Energy Board Docket No. EB-2016-0152, Exhibit N3, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 2, Table 14.

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