

# Joint Letter:

## Release the Clean Electricity Regulations Without Further Delay

Delivered on behalf of 60 organizations across Canada

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Guilbeault, and Minister Wilkinson,

We write to you to urge you to publish the much-anticipated federal Clean Electricity Regulations without further delay.

As of June 2023, an [overwhelming majority \(71%\)](#) of Canadians support the proposed federal Clean Electricity Regulations. An affordable, secure, clean electricity system is the backbone of Canada's energy transition, and Canada's overall work to reduce emissions across many sectors.

We are very supportive of your government's [commitment to deliver a net-zero electricity sector by 2035](#). But we fear that this goal will become increasingly difficult to achieve if the draft regulations are not introduced soon, and finalized by the end of 2023.

Canada has, for the first time, a credible plan on climate change, and we are beginning to see that plan deliver real emissions reductions. We know that your government is intent on meeting its targets and in introducing the Clean Electricity Regulations, including in the mandate letters of both [Minister Guilbeault](#) and [Minister Wilkinson](#). Thank you for this commitment.

The electricity sector is being counted upon to deliver the most significant emissions reductions of any sector in [Canada's Emissions Reduction Plan](#). Indeed, no other measure in the ERP is expected to be more impactful than the forthcoming Clean Electricity Regulations, which are modeled to reduce emissions by 104Mt by 2030, accounting for over a third of the total reductions Canada has committed to achieve by 2030.

This goal is imminently achievable and will deliver massive benefits to the people of Canada. Clean electricity like wind and solar power are now the least-cost forms of electricity generation in history, and they deliver significant health benefits as they displace the harms of fossil fuel generation. It will also attract substantial investments and jobs in Canada's electricity and other related economic sectors. These benefits cannot be unlocked without policy certainty through robust Clean Electricity Regulations.

In fact, many provinces are in the process of adding new fossil generation to their electricity grids right now, at cross purposes with the federal commitment and likely at significant cost to ratepayers and taxpayers. Ontario, for example, has just offered contracts to new gas-fired power plants that extend out to 2040, with more expected in the coming months. Gas-fired power plants are being proposed in Saskatchewan too, and in other parts of this country.

The federal government must move now to offer policy clarity for industry, regulators and people living in Canada, by introducing strong Clean Electricity Regulations. The longer these regulations are delayed, the longer it takes for communities to see the benefits of a clean electricity system.

We look forward to contributing to the important conversations on details, solutions and opportunities once these regulations are introduced.

Sincerely,

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