



GREEN REPORT CARD

ON ELECTRICITY RESTRUCTURING IN ONTARIO

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GREEN REGULATORY OBJECTIVE	PERFORMANCE TO DATE	GRADE
Control of Emissions	Current proposals for emissions control regulations will actually increase emissions in a wide range of carcinogenic and greenhouse gas pollutants.	F
Encouraging Greener Generation	While billions are being spent on coal and nuclear plant refurbishment, there has been no program developed to encourage greener generation as has been done in other jurisdictions. Ontario Energy Board regulation has been inconsistent in its approach to enabling local renewable generation and cogeneration. Environmental approvals processes for clean plants remain ill-defined, slowing investment in these options while both levels of government have effectively exempted coal and nuclear plant refurbishments from meaningful environmental review.	D-
Giving Consumers Choice -- Green Power Options	Little progress is being made on “green power labeling” which is necessary to enable customers the ability to make informed decisions about the cleanliness of the power they will be buying.	D+
Encouraging Energy Efficiency	The government has offered no support for energy efficiency and the Ontario Energy Board has delayed discussion of conservation programs for the electricity sector despite excellent progress in the competing OEB regulated gas sector and despite growing need due to the prospect of increasing electricity prices.	D-
Green Rules for International Electricity Trade	The OEB has approved deep discounts for use of the transmission system by power exporters, thereby subsidizing increased coal-fired generation. The Ontario government has passed regulations eliminating consideration of environmental factors by the OEB in its approval process for transmission upgrades including those needed to support the exports.	F
A Level Field for Alternatives to Nuclear Power	Multi-billion dollar bailouts of the nuclear sector will be borne by consumers along with under-funding of nuclear plant decommissioning and radioactive waste disposal. Ontario Power Generation continues to hold on to funds set aside for waste management with no guarantee that the funds will be available when needed and private sector nuclear plant operators, like British Nuclear which will operate the Bruce nuclear stations, are being excused from virtually all liability for accidents.	F
OVERALL		F

Guide to grades: A: excellent, B: above average, C average, D: below expectations, F: fail.