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Dear Chair Kolb,

As you may be aware, Ontario has been engaged in a comprehensive review of its energy plans for the future. This review of the Long-Term Energy Plan involved an unprecedented process of consultation and engagement for the ministry, with sessions held online and around the province with municipalities, First Nation and Métis communities, stakeholders and the public. I am pleased to inform you of the release of Ontario's updated Long-Term Energy Plan, *Achieving Balance*.

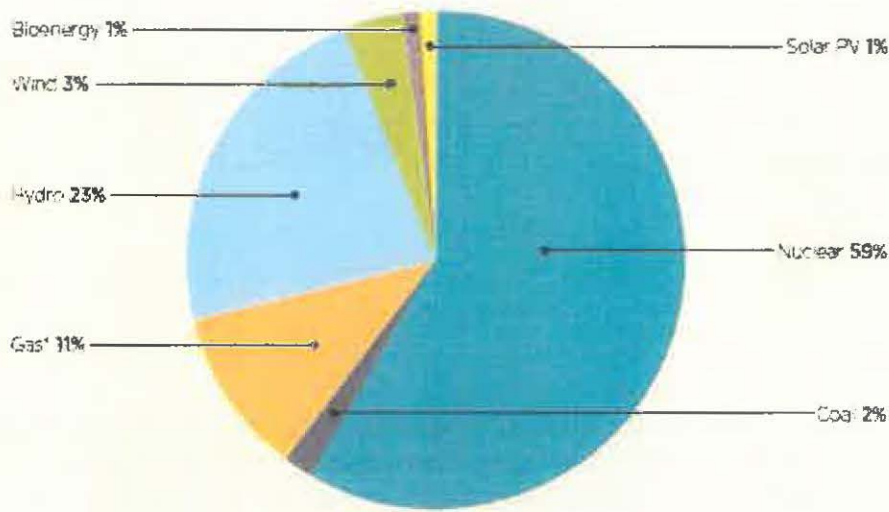
The new plan, which reflects input from thousands of Ontarians from across the province, encourages conservation and provides the clean, reliable and affordable energy Ontario will need now and into the future. It balances five principles that will guide future decisions: cost-effectiveness, reliability, clean energy, community engagement, and an emphasis on conservation and demand management before building new generation.

An important feature of the plan is the recognition that municipalities are a key stakeholder in energy planning. Communities must be allowed to take a more central role when implementing provincial policy objectives. The opportunity for communities to participate in energy infrastructure must be balanced with their responsibility to take ownership of local decisions.

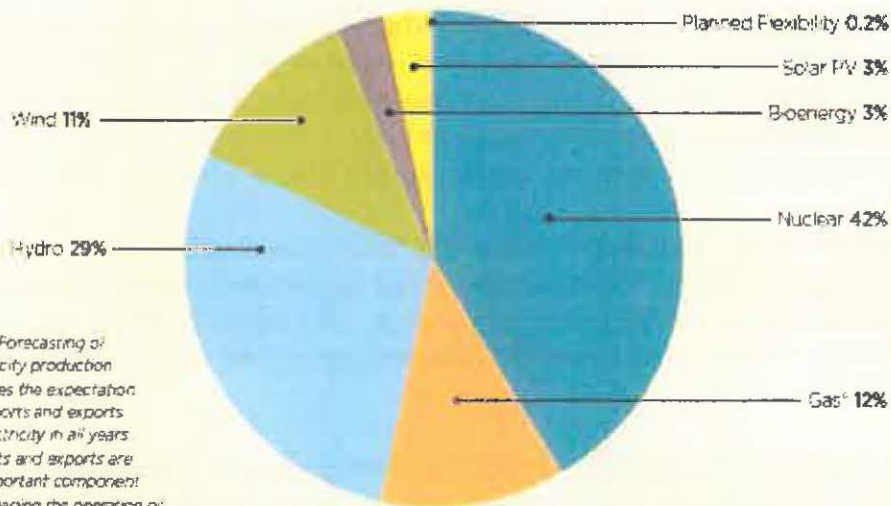
Ontario's new Long-Term Energy Plan builds on the significant progress we have made in transforming the province's electricity system into one that Ontarians can count on. We are proud of the fact that Ontario has virtually eliminated coal from our electricity system with the last plant to close in 2014. The phase-out of coal is the single largest climate change initiative in North America that was costing Ontarians \$4.4 billion annually in financial, health and environmental costs.

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Forecast Energy Production (TWh) 2013



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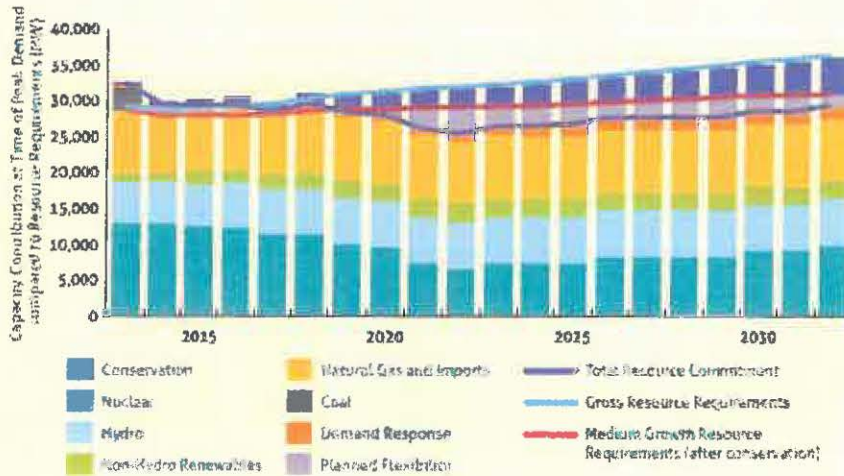


Note: Forecasting of electricity production includes the expectation of imports and exports of electricity in all years. Imports and exports are an important component in managing the operation of the electricity system. As a result, electricity production forecast exceeds the forecast Ontario consumer demand.

** Includes Lennox Generating Station - dual fueled with natural gas and oil*

Key to the new plan is its flexibility. We are committing the resources to meet electricity demand growth that will be lower than previously anticipated as the economy continues its transition to an efficient, lower energy intensive future. We are ensuring we have the supply to meet the likely demand, and keeping options open to meet higher demand if needed. By reporting annually on the outlook for demand and supply, we will be able to make prudent adjustments to our energy investments.

Figure 18: Ontario's Planned Supply Mix (MW)



The release of the new Long-Term Energy Plan follows the most comprehensive set of consultations and engagements ever undertaken by the Ministry of Energy. Almost 8,000 people took an online survey and shared their views on conservation, energy supply, regional planning and imports. Over 1,000 submissions were received through the Environmental Registry and by the Ministry of Energy. Staff also sat down with representatives of almost 50 local distribution companies to obtain their views and suggestions on how to improve and maximize the delivery of conservation in Ontario.

We travelled to 12 communities from Kenora to Whitby and Sault Ste. Marie to Ottawa to hear Ontarians' views on the options that should be addressed when it comes to electricity. We also met with representatives of nearly 100 First Nation and Métis communities and organizations in 10 engagement sessions across Ontario.

This process of consultation and engagement informed the direction of the Long-Term Energy Plan and we will continue to make engagement a priority in our energy planning.

I hope you enjoy reading *Achieving Balance*. It represents our commitment to a cost-effective, reliable and clean energy system for all Ontarians. I look forward to working together to implement Ontario's new Long-Term Energy Plan.

Sincerely,

Bob Chiarelli
Minister

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