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Domestic Consumption of Primary Energy in Canada, 1926-2014



■ Coal ■ Petroleum □ Natural Gas and NGLs ■ Hydro ■ Biomass □ Nuclear ■ Other Renewables





Energy Commodity Consumption/GDP 1926-2014



Contributions to Energy Security in Canada, 1972-2014





REVIEW OF THE SYSTEM EXPANSION AND FINANCIAL PLANS APRIL 1977 Compiled by Comptroller's Division With Contributions Prom System Planning Division Office of the Chief Economist Fuels Division .





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24 AN ENERGY POLICY FOR CANADA—PHASE 1







The typical "baseline" or "reference" projection of future GHG emissions, end use allocation:



Oil and Gas Industry -- Export Allocation

- General Manufacturing
- Residential -- Household Energy Use
- Freight Transportation

- Energy Intensive Mfg, Mining and Agriculture
- Commercial and Institutional



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GHG Reduction Wedges for Canada -- All Wedges



Ilustrative Low-Carbon Energy Transition for Canada...



Low Carbon Energy Futures – These five things must happen:

- Efficiency, efficiency and then more efficiency
- Electricity's role expands into transportation and heat
- Decarbonize the electricity supply
- Sustainable production of biofuels
- Innovation to reduce fuel and electricity in provision of human needs, amenities



Some wicked complications:

- Climate change and its deleterious impacts will increase throughout this century.
- The time frame for the transition is short compared to the inertia in the current energy system.
- The pre-tax price of fossil fuels will be permanently depressed in a low carbon future.
- The prices Canadian households and businesses currently pay for fuel and electricity, when converted to implied carbon prices, are in the range of \$200-\$500/tonne CO2eq and higher.



Key considerations:

- Transition to low carbon will take place simultaneously with other disruptive and far-reaching transitions, some helpful, some not.
- Capital intensity presents a challenge to policy and business models, but not the same thing as expensive.
- Innovation in financing and business strategies necessary to remove "first cost" barrier, and to resolve split incentives.
- Education and climate literacy will speed the transition.
- Low carbon solutions vary according to local circumstances; local agency and capacity, including in city halls, are essential.
- Human and institutional capacity development are constraints on the accelerated deployment of otherwise ready solutions.







Thank you!