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The Canadian Electricity Association Releases a Roadmap to Climate Change Adaptation

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Today the Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) released a report entitled “[*Adapting to Climate Change: State of Play and Recommendations for the Electricity Sector in Canada.*](#)” Funded through Natural Resources Canada’s Adaptation Platform, it outlines robust recommendations to help integrate climate change considerations into investment and management decisions.

“Canada’s electricity sector is a world leader in clean energy generation and, as a critical energy producer for Canada, we must be prepared to adapt to changing climate realities,” said the Honourable Sergio Marchi, CEA President and Chief Executive Officer. “This report is the first national level discussion on climate change adaptation in the electricity sector. With it, the CEA continues to be an active player in Canada’s climate change discourse and green energy solution.”

The long-term climate change trend is clear. It is expected that greenhouse gas emissions will continue to rise and, as a result, climate impacts will become more frequent and more intense. Over the next 20 years, as Canada looks to invest the estimated \$350 billion needed to renew aging infrastructure, climate adaptation considerations will be crucial to building a strong and resilient sector that is able to serve Canadians for generations to come.

“The government welcomes the Canadian Electricity Association’s recommendations on the collaborative and innovative approaches to address the risks and opportunities that climate change presents to Canada’s electricity sector,” said the Honourable Jim Carr, Canada’s Minister of Natural Resources. “Resilience and adaptation will be important elements of a pan-Canadian framework to address climate change and are a foundational part of our trilateral work with the U.S. and Mexico.”

The report stresses that greater clarity in climate change data and modelling methods as well as the development of corporate governance tools and structures is needed to successfully incorporate adaptation considerations into planning and investment decisions. The report also calls for greater collaboration amongst the stakeholders responsible for ensuring the resilience of Canada’s electricity network, including federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments; system operators; electricity companies; electricity regulators; as well as customers and citizens.

Click [here](#) to access the *Adapting to Climate Change: State of Play and Recommendations for the Electricity Sector in Canada* Report.



About the Canadian Electricity Association

Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) members generate, transmit and distribute electrical energy to industrial, commercial, residential and institutional customers across Canada every day. From vertically integrated electric utilities, independent power producers, transmission and distribution companies, to power marketers, to the manufacturers and suppliers of materials, technology and services that keep the industry running smoothly -- all are represented by this national industry association.

About Natural Resources Canada and Canada's Adaptation Platform

Natural Resources Canada chairs the Adaptation Platform, which brings together Canada's expertise, information and financial resources to enable the development and widespread use of adaptation information and tools. The Platform fosters collaboration across Canada's provincial and territorial governments, federal government departments, industry associations and professional organizations, to collaborate on shared adaptation priorities. For more information, visit adaptation.nrcan.gc.ca.

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