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### **Ontario's Power Producers Welcome Release of Pathways to Decarbonization Report**

Ontario's power producers today welcomed the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) "Pathways to Decarbonization" report, which evaluates a moratorium on new natural gas generation in Ontario and lays out a potential pathway to zero emissions in the electricity sector.

"This report provides important context in understanding both the challenges and opportunities ahead, as Ontario charts a transition to net zero while continuing to meet the province's future needs for affordable and reliable power", said David Butters, President and CEO of the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPRO).

Butters noted that the IESO highlighted the fact that "Ontario benefits from one of the cleanest electricity systems in North America", (already cleaner than California or Germany), representing only about 3 per cent of the province's greenhouse gas emissions.

This made-in-Ontario clean energy advantage is a powerful tool in the battle against climate change. It can be leveraged as Ontario's electricity system expands and transforms to support deep carbon reductions across all sectors of the economy including transportation, building heating and industry. As the report rightly says, "Ontario's electricity system is well positioned to make the transition."

The Pathways to Decarbonization report, together with other initiatives to help Ontario's economy prepare for electrification, such as the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel, will help lay the groundwork for Ontario to wisely develop broad, longer-term objectives and guiding principles for energy planning. If developed appropriately, those plans will maintain Ontario's clean energy advantage, manage future growth, and support energy transition in an affordable and reliable manner to support customers.

As the report correctly observes, this is "a significant and complex undertaking that will require an extensive and collaborative effort to achieve." APPRO stands ready to support that undertaking.

"As the people who generate the electricity that keeps the lights on for Ontarians, we are committed to playing a constructive role in building and maintaining a reliable, affordable and sustainable system for the benefit of us all," Butters said.

APPRO is a non-profit trade organization representing Ontario's independent power producers and related businesses. APPRO's generator members produce most of Ontario's electricity, relying on clean and renewable sources including nuclear, hydroelectric, natural gas, and wind energy.

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