



Press Release

Biogas Industry Responds to Termination of Energy Contracts

Ottawa, Ontario (July 18, 2018) - The Canadian Biogas Association (CBA) is writing to express concern with the Ontario government's decision to terminate energy contracts, as announced by the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and the impact this decision will have on many of our agricultural, municipal and industrial members.

On Friday July 13, the Minister issued a directive to the Independent Electricity System Operator that would result in the cancellation of 758 energy contracts, 16 of which are on-farm biogas projects that have already received considerable public support and investments of time, money and resources to advance towards commercial operation.

"This decision ignores the environmental benefits from clean, safe, locally-generated renewable energy and the many economic benefits including sustainable job creation within Ontario farms, agri-food businesses, and municipalities and millions of dollars of investment in local communities." said Jennifer Green, Executive Director of the CBA. "The province has committed to affordable energy systems in Ontario. We believe biogas supports this promise and more."

Biogas offers an affordable, versatile energy solution producing electricity, heat and/or renewable natural gas to Ontarians. Unlike other technologies, biogas is supported in rural and urban settings in part because biogas projects act as a cost-effective means of processing waste organics in the province and provides farm nutrients whilst also producing low carbon energy. Biogas installations have proven to be necessary and productive energy projects benefiting farms, municipalities and small businesses across Ontario.

The CBA is the collective voice of the Canadian biogas industry with over 130 members representing the entire value chain, of which over 70% are Ontario-based companies. Today there are over 40 biogas systems operating at farms, greenhouses, and food processing facilities and a growing number of municipal biogas facilities across Ontario. There are approximately 25-40 more biogas projects in various stages of design, approvals, construction and commissioning contracted under the former Feed-in Tariff Program.

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