

# Getting Ontario to a Zero-Carbon Electricity Grid and Lower Bills by 2030

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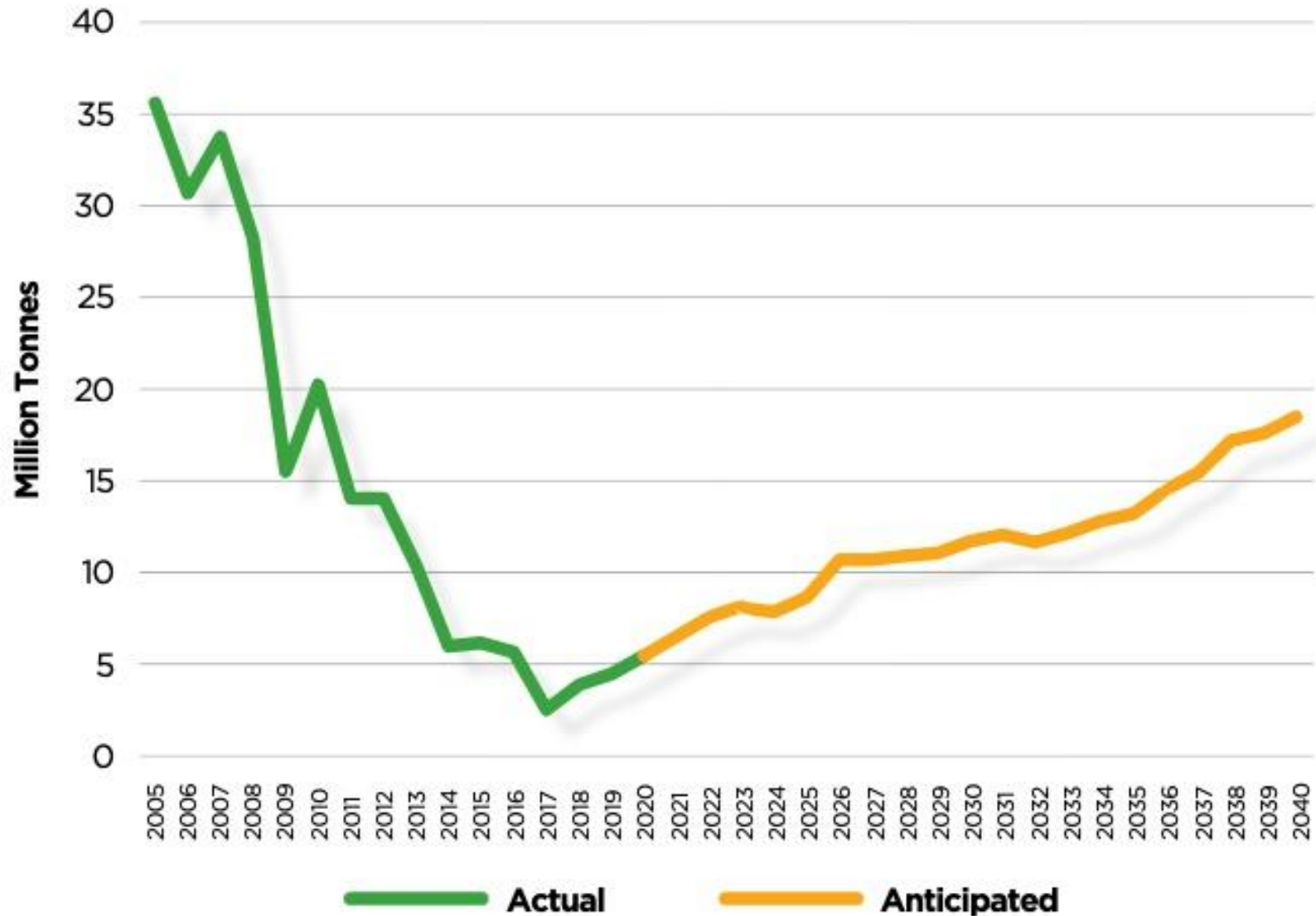


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# Doug Ford's Energy Plan

- ▶ Increase the **existing** gas plants' GHG pollution by more than 600% by 2040
- ▶ Build **new** gas plants
- ▶ Spent \$28.8 B on high-cost nuclear projects
- ▶ Expand Enbridge's system to hook-up more homes to gas

# Ontario's Historic and Forecast GHG Pollution from its Electric Power Plants



# Build New Gas Plants

Oct. 2022, Ontario Energy Minister directed the IESO to:

- ▶ Contract for up to 1,500 MW of new gas-fired generation.
- ▶ Contracts to last until 2040.

# High-Cost Nuclear Projects

Darlington Re-Build \$12.8 Billion

Bruce Re-Build \$13 Billion

New GTA Reactor \$ 3 Billion

Total \$28.8 Billion

# Expand Enbridge gas system to new communities

- ▶ Ford Government supports Enbridge's plans to bring gas to “new” gas communities
- ▶ Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pumps are better option for homeowners and our climate



# Ontario municipalities call for action:

- ▶ Return gas plants' pollution to their 2017 level ASAP; and
- ▶ Achieve a complete gas power phase-out by 2030.



Joe Oliver, Chair of the IESO

## According to the Oct. 2021 IESO report:

- ▶ It would be impossible to phase-out gas power by 2030; and
- ▶ Attempting to do so will lead to higher electricity rates and blackouts.

**These claims are false.**



# The IESO report:

- ▶ Provides a plan to achieve a 99.7% zero-carbon electricity grid by 2030.
- ▶ Falsely claims that it is not possible to meet remaining 3/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% of our electricity needs (500 GWh) from carbon-free sources by 2030.

# Fear- mongering: *Blackouts*

- ▶ **FACT:** In 2030 approximately 33% of our existing gas-fired capacity will still be under contract to the IESO.
- ▶ **FACT:** Some of our gas-fired capacity will remain under contract to the IESO until 2040.
- ▶ **FACT:** If there is a 500 GWh shortfall of carbon-free electricity, the IESO will dispatch gas plants rather than subject province to blackouts.

# Fear- mongering: *Higher electricity rates*

IESO report claims a gas power phase-out would lead to **60% rise** in residential electricity rates by 2030.

- ▶ **FACT:** IESO report forecasts a gas power phase-out would raise electricity costs by **20%**
- ▶ **Fact:** A 2% annual increase in residential, commercial and industrial rates between 2021 and 2030 would be a fairer way to pay for a 20% rise in electricity costs by 2030, rather than making residential customers pay more than their fair share.

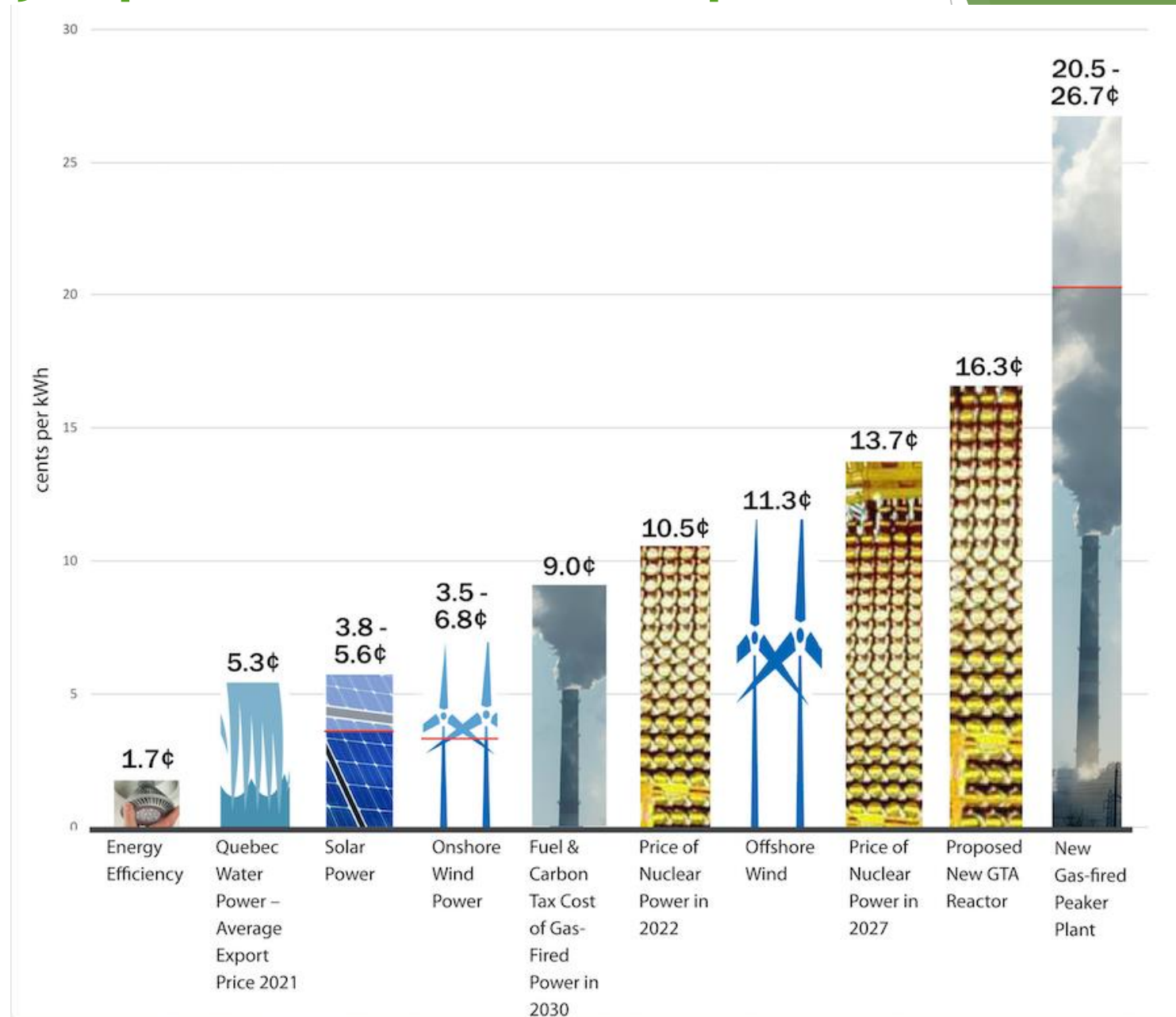
# Fear- mongering: *Higher electricity rates*

The IESO Report falsely claims a phase-out would raise costs by 20% by:

- ▶ Underestimating the carbon tax savings from a gas power phase-out;
- ▶ Ignoring our two lowest-cost storage options:
  - Hydro Quebec's reservoirs
  - EV batteries
- ▶ Including the costs of a \$3 billion new GTA nuclear reactor despite the fact that we have much lower cost options.

# Ontario Electricity Options: A Cost Comparison

**FACT:** If the IESO really wanted to reduce electricity rates, it would promote energy efficiency and renewables to phase-out polluting gas power and to avoid the need for high-cost nuclear electricity.



# IESO's Dunsky Report (Sept. 28, 2022)

- ▶ Ontario's doesn't need NEW gas plants to keep lights on
- ▶ By investing in energy efficiency, solar electricity and energy storage, we can reduce our electricity costs by up to **\$290 billion**

# Climate and Economic Lunacy

- ▶ On Oct. 6, 2022, Energy Minister Todd Smith directed IESO to contract for up to 1,500 megawatts (MW) of new gas-fired generation capacity
- ▶ [N.B. The Portlands Gas Plant on the Toronto waterfront is 550 MW]

# Our plan to return the gas plants' pollution to their 2017 level:

- ▶ Ban gas-fired electricity exports to U.S.
- ▶ Double our spot market purchases of Quebec waterpower using existing transmission lines.
- ▶ Purchase all energy efficiency savings, solar and wind power that can keep our lights on at less than today's price of nuclear electricity (10.5 cents per kWh).





# We can achieve a complete gas power phase-out by 2030 by:

- Expanding our transmission links with Quebec and using Hydro Quebec's reservoirs to act like a giant battery for our wind and solar energy; and
- Installing bi-directional chargers for our electric vehicles (EVs) so that their batteries can provide power to the grid during peak demand hours.

**FACT: In 2030, the capacity of our EVs batteries will be more than twice the capacity of our gas plants.**



**Put OPG's gas plants on stand-by reserve between 2030 and 2040**

- ▶ To provide emergency back-up power to our electricity grid if we temporarily have insufficient carbon-free electricity resources to meet our need due to an extreme event

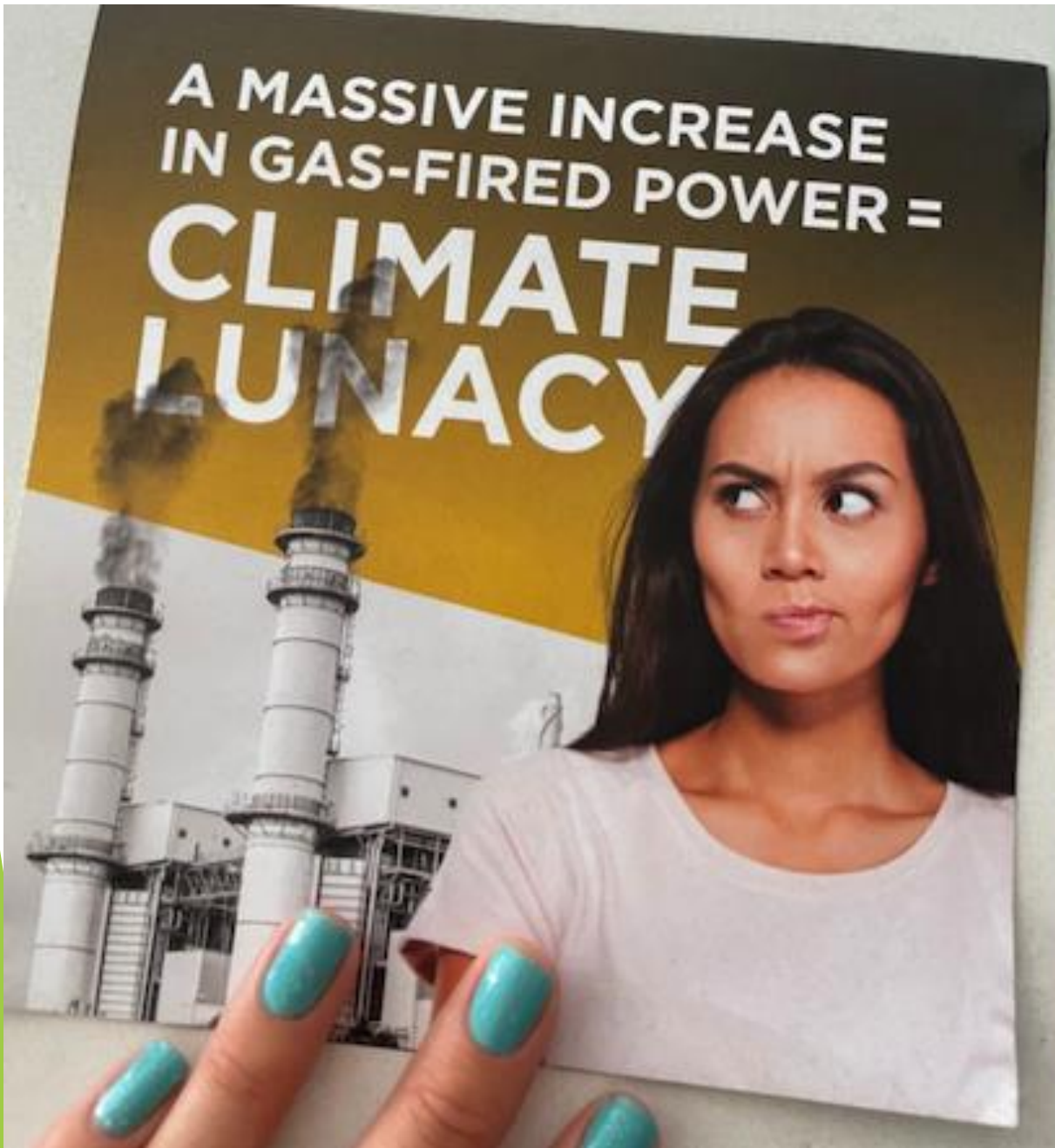
# Open Letter to PM Trudeau & NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh

- ▶ OCAA and more than 30 other organizations are asking Prime Minister Trudeau and NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh to work together to establish federal **Clean Electricity Regulations** which will:
  - Prohibit the building of new gas plants in Ontario effective immediately; and
  - Require Ontario to move to a net zero-carbon electricity grid by 2030.

<https://www.cleanairalliance.org/OpenLetterSignOn/>

# What you can do

- ▶ Go to:  
<https://www.cleanairalliance.org/OpenLetterSignOn/> to send an email to Trudeau & Singh in support of our request
- ▶ Ask your community groups to sign on to our letters to Trudeau & Singh
- ▶ Distribute our *Climate Lunacy* pamphlet to your friends and neighbours: [www.CleanAirAlliance.org/pamphlets](http://www.CleanAirAlliance.org/pamphlets)
- ▶ Meet your M.P. and ask her/him to support our Open Letter requests



## MORE POLLUTING GAS POWER IS THE LAST THING WE NEED

Ontario is planning to **increase the climate-damaging pollution** of our gas-fired power plants by 375% by 2030 and by more than 600% by 2040 at a time when we are supposed to be racing to slash emissions to save the planet.

This climate lunacy flies in the face of Premier Ford's statement that he "won't be happy" until the province has a zero-carbon electricity system.

Ontario is nowhere near meeting even its weak climate targets. As we watch powerful storms rip through our communities and much of the world experiences extreme heat, **we can't imagine anyone thinking that MORE gas-fired power is a good idea.**

## A COSTLY MISTAKE

Increased use of fracked gas will not only increase Ontario's climate problems, but also lead to missed **economic opportunities**. Companies are now looking to locate in places that can offer plentiful zero-carbon power, and the **renewable energy business is booming** worldwide. Instead of seizing these massive opportunities, Premier Ford is planning to undo the province's huge achievement in phasing out dirty coal plants.

## A BETTER DIRECTION

Ontario can keep the lights on by embracing a better energy future: **clean, renewable power with storage** (hydro reservoirs, pumped storage, etc.), including bi-directional EV batteries — combined with wind, solar, and heat storage, etc.), **deep energy efficiency** — including energy efficiency retrofits, and **collaboration with our neighbour Quebec** to increase renewable energy. It's a recipe for **lower costs**.

# Climate Lunacy Part 2: Doug Ford's Plan to hook-up more homes to gas

- ▶ Doug Ford supports Enbridge's plans to expand its gas network to serve "new" gas communities in rural Ontario.
- ▶ Average homeowner in **existing** gas communities can save \$10,000 by installing cold climate air-source heat pump (ASHP) when her gas furnace comes to the end of its life.
- ▶ Average homeowner in **new** gas community can save \$20,000 by installing ASHP instead of hooking up to gas.
- ▶ With our existing electricity supply mix, switching to heat pump reduces your home heating GHG pollution by 35%.

To learn more: [www.CleanAirAlliance.org/heat-pump-primer](http://www.CleanAirAlliance.org/heat-pump-primer)

# Helping homeowners lower their energy bills and GHG pollution

- ▶ Many homeowners choose gas furnaces because they have a lower upfront capital cost than an ASHP.
- ▶ Ask Doug Ford and your M.P.P. to direct our electric utilities to provide no down payment, no interest loans for cold climate ASHP.
- ▶ Distribute our *Don't let Enbridge take you for a ride pamphlet!* to your friends and neighbours:

[www.CleanAirAlliance.org/pamphlets](http://www.CleanAirAlliance.org/pamphlets)



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