



December 3, 2025

RE: IE26.14 - Electricity and Toronto's Climate Commitments

Dear Members of the Infrastructure & Environment Committee,

My name is Amelia Rose Khan, and I am writing on behalf of Toronto350 - a grassroots climate justice group.

We are commenting on Toronto's Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) and the upcoming vote on Councillor Dianne Saxe's recommendations (IE26.14) at the December 4 meeting. The draft IRRP proposed by the Independent Electricity System Operator is incompatible with Toronto's climate commitments and with the urgent need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

If Toronto proceeds with this plan, it will worsen the climate crisis, harm local air quality, and lock residents into higher long-term energy costs. We are asking you - and City Council - to reject the IRRP and support a new, forward-looking plan from Toronto Hydro that includes:

- A clear pathway to retire the Portlands Energy Centre by 2035, with operation limited to emergency situations
- Alignment with Toronto's TransformTO goal of net-zero emissions by 2040
- Strong development of local renewable energy, including rooftop solar that can replace the gas plant's output and meet a significant share of future demand
- Aggressive pursuit of energy efficiency and storage to reduce costs and improve resilience

We hope we can count on your leadership and support for these recommendations. Toronto needs an electricity plan that protects public health, avoids unnecessary spending, and moves us toward a clean, reliable, and climate-safe energy future.

Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to climate action.

Sincerely,

Amelia Rose Khan, on behalf of Toronto350

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