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# INTRODUCTION



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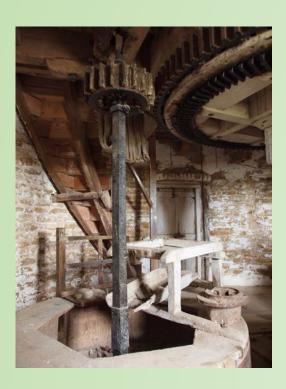




# >>> TODAY'S OBJECTIVE:



- **Topic**: On-site renewable generation opportunities in western Canada
- Purpose: Education, information sharing and an opportunity for questions and discussion









# OPTIONS FOR ON-SITE RENEWABLES



- Wind
- Solar
- Hydro
- Biomass
- Battery Storage
- Hybrid Solutions





# WHY CONSIDER RENEWABLES?



- 1. Cost of Electricity
- 2. Electricity Related Fees
- 3. Marketing & Reputation
- 4. Environmental & Sustainability Goals
- 5. Technical Constraints





# COST OF ELECTRICITY



#### Companies can evaluate opportunities to either:

- 1) Reduce current operating expenses
- 2) Mitigate against future pricing fluctuations / increases

#### 1) Alberta - Deregulated

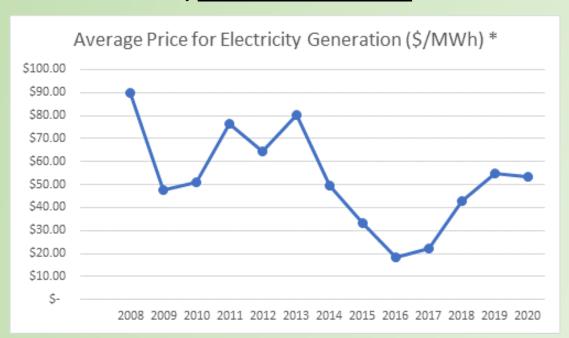


Figure 1: \* Data compiled from AESO's 2017 Annual Market Stats, AESO Supplemental 2018 Forecast and TransCanada Power Market Update for June 2018 (Estimating 2019 and 2020 pricing)

#### 2) Saskatchewan - Regulated

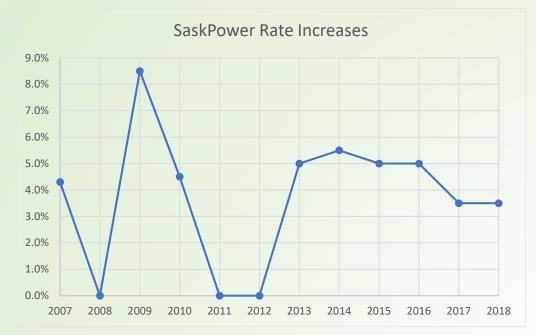


Figure 2: Data compiled from www.saskpower.com, www.saskratereview.ca and Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce (Backgrounder – October 2016). 2015 rate increase was originally 3% and then another 2% was added (5%)



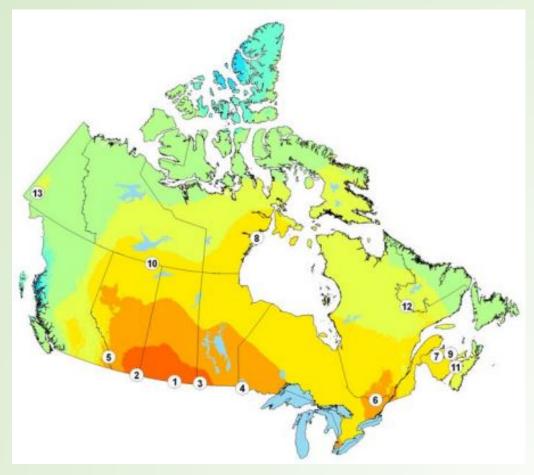
# → ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES



#### Wind Resource Map

• Figure 1: "Wind Resource of Canada" - AWS Truepower. Graphic retrieved from (www.awstruepower.com)

#### **Solar** Resource Map



• Figure 2: "Yearly PV potential map for latitude tilt and the 13 "PV hotspots in each province and territory in Canada." – NRCAN (The Development of Photovoltaic Resource Maps for Canada" retrieved from (www.nrcan.gc.ca)



#### ELECTRICITY RELATED FEES



- 1. Demand Charges
- 2. Transmission Fees
- 3. Distribution Fees



#### **Alberta – Transmission Rate Increases**

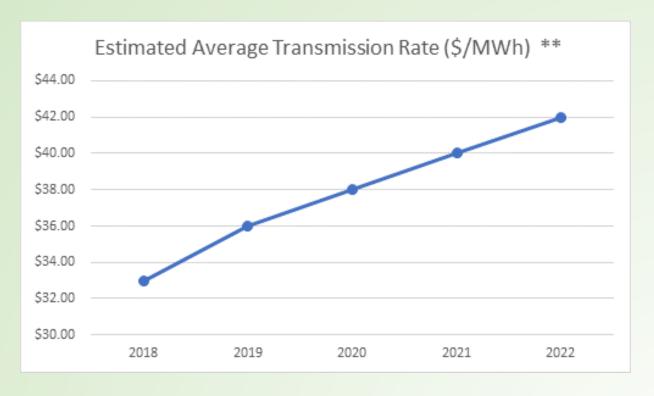


Figure 1: \*\* Data compiled from AESO's TRP (Transmission Rate Projection) Factsheet



#### MARKETING & REPUTATION



- 1. Demonstrate leadership and innovation within the industry
- 2. Customer Pressure to adopt Renewable Energy
  - RE100 Kellogg's, Nestle, Clif Bar, Organic Valley
- 3. Consumer Demands & Trends





## >>> ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY GOALS



- 1. Reduce emissions of GHGs and other pollutants
- 2. Achieve corporate sustainability goals & environmental initiatives
- 3. Recycle and/or using waste by-products (biomass)
- 4. Reduce compliance costs (taxes/penalties)



#### >>> TECHNICAL CONSTRAINTS



- 1. Desire greater reliability at your facility
- 2. Grid infrastructure will not accommodate future growth
- 3. Require periodic or supplemental generation at a facility
  - Evaluate baseload vs. intermittent options
  - Consider hybrid solutions





# >>> WHAT'S HOLDING INDUSTRY BACK?



- 1. Investment / Rates of Return
- 2. Regulations
- 3. Operations and Integration
- 4. Technological Maturity
- 5. Education and Awareness



Above: Heysham South Wind Farm – a Green Cat Renewables project.

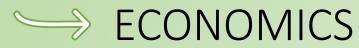


# → DIVING DEEPER

- 1. Economics
- 2. Ownership Options
- 3. Western Canadian Markets
- 4. Technology Selection & Sizing
- 5. On-Site Demand









- 1. Electricity Market Hedging
- 2. Reduced Compliance Costs
- 3. Revenue Opportunities
- 4. Falling Costs

Levelized Cost of Energy (USD)	Bloomberg New Energy Outlook	Lazard's LCOE Analysis
Utility Wind	\$55/MWh	\$30-60/MWh
-> Decrease since 2009	38%	67%
Uitility Solar	\$70/MWh	\$46-53/MWh
-> Decrease since 2009	77%	86%

Figure 1: \* Data compiled from Bloomberg 2018 New Energy Outlook- BNEF (<a href="https://bnef.turtl.co/story/neo2018">https://bnef.turtl.co/story/neo2018</a>) and Lazard's LCOE Analysis Version 11-November 2017 (<a href="https://www.lazard.com/media/450337/lazard-levelized-cost-of-energy-version-110.pdf">https://www.lazard.com/media/450337/lazard-levelized-cost-of-energy-version-110.pdf</a>)



#### >>> ECONOMICS CONTINUED



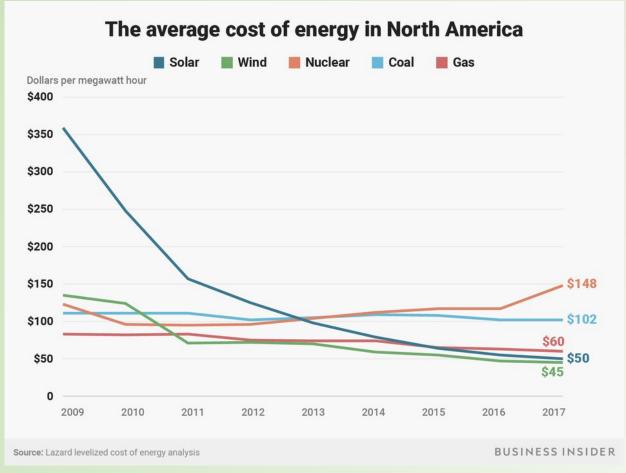


Figure 1: "The average cost of energy in North America" – Lazard's LCOE Analysis Version 11 (November 2017). Retrieved from: (https://www.lazard.com/perspective/leveliz ed-cost-of-energy-2017/)

\* Alberta REP auction set a record in December 2017 with a weighted average price of \$37/MWh CAD between 3 winning wind energy projects



## → OWNERSHIP OPTIONS



- 1. Full Ownership (100%) by food processing facility
- 2. No Ownership (0%) Facility purchases power from 3<sup>rd</sup> party developer
- 3. Joint venture opportunities





#### >>> WESTERN CANADIAN MARKETS & PROGRAMS



#### 1. British Columbia

- BC Hydro & Fortis BC
- BC Hydro offers Net-Metering up to 100kW

#### 2. Alberta

- Deregulated power market
- Government programs for micro generation solar (<5MW)





#### >>> WESTERN CANADIAN MARKETS & PROGRAMS



#### 3. Saskatchewan

- SaskPower (Crown Corporation)
- Customer Generation Program to be announced in Fall 2018

#### 4. Manitoba

- Manitoba Hydro (Crown Corporation)
- Net-Metering program of up to 200kW in place





# SIZING, RESOURCE AND TECHNOLOGY SELECTION



- 1. Facility / Company Goals
  - Looking for peak demand generation to reduce peak pricing?
  - Interested in selling excess power to the grid?
  - Building an off-grid facility or supplementing your existing operation?
- 2. Electricity consumption studies will determine appropriate sizing of facility
- 3. Resource assessment analysis required to determine economic solutions



#### MEETING ON-SITE DEMAND



- 1. Matching demand profile to production windows
  - (ex: solar matches well with peak summer demand for A/C)
- 2. Matching production to higher priced hours
  - (ex: In AB, prices are highest for power during daytime peaks)
- 3. Ability to store energy and mitigate outages (increase reliability)





- 1. Economic opportunities exist
- 2. Regulatory hurdles exist
- 3. Growing public demand
- 4. Pressure from customers
- 5. Public awareness needed





## GREEN CAT RENEWABLES



- Experience includes 600MW+ of wind, 200MW+ of solar and 25MW+ of hydro projects
- 430+ projects completed since 2005
- We offer technical, engineering, permitting consulting services focused on renewable energy
- Full Lifecycle support feasibility studies all the way through construction and operations





# → QUESTIONS



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