

Alberta at a Crossroads: Long-term AIES outlook

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We welcome today's attendees for our first AIES workshop











































































Today's session will focus on the long-term outlook for the AIES market



Group meeting 1 Long-term AIES outlook and alternative scenarios Group meeting 2 Renewables investment cases

Group meeting 3 Battery economics & future revenue streams

Group meeting 4 **Transmission Loss Factors** and grid bottlenecks

Future subscriber meetings

- Long term-outlook of pool price, capacity mix and energy mix
- Impacts of Clean Electricity Regulations on price and new capacity
- Alternative scenarios capturing diverse economic and policy outcomes

- Deep dive into the project economics of wind and solar
- Endogenous modelling of renewables and conventional capacity decisions while reflecting grid constraints
- Sensitivity and uncertainty assessment of costs and revenue streams for each technology
- Modelling of battery dispatch under conditions of uncertainty and accounting for cycling constraints
- Battery business cases in the Detailed calibration of the wholesale and ancillary markets
- Analysis of hybrid colocation models with solar and wind
- Analysis of impacts on grid expansion and renewables deployment scenarios on capture prices
- drivers of pricing
- Subscriber interest will drive future topic selection
- This may include deep dives into:
- Market design reform
- Transmission tariff restructuring
- Carbon Capture and Sequestration for AIES
- Impact of a hydrogen economy in AIES

Online platform access

Access to historical data explorer

September 28, 2023

February 2024

June 2024

October 2024

Quarterly

Bilateral follow ups and engagement throughout

Quarterly power market forecasts updates:



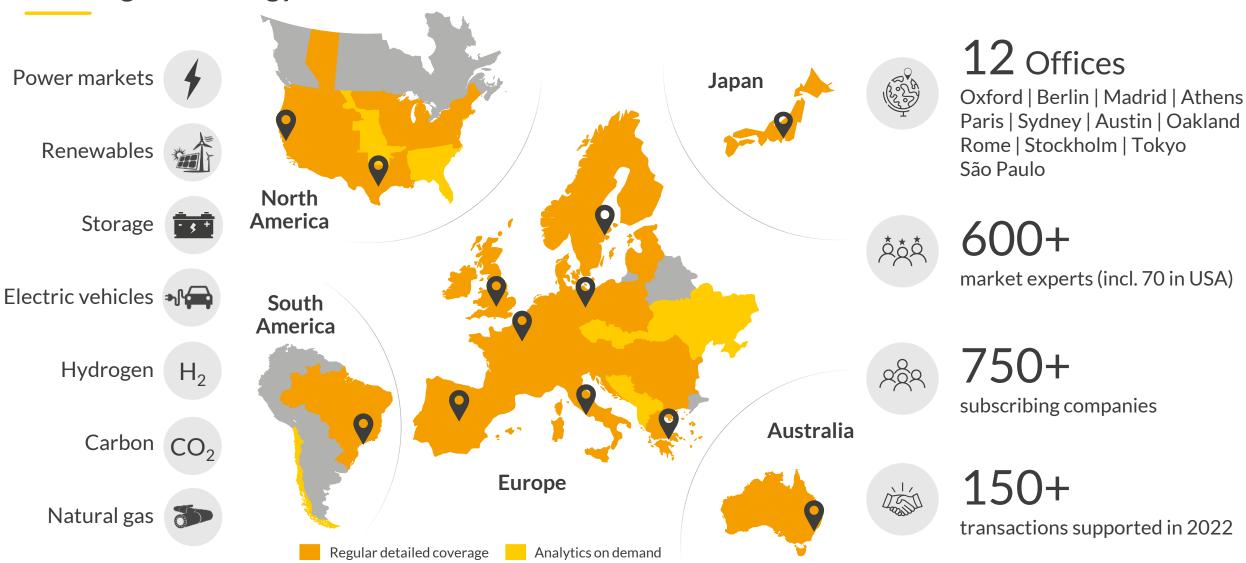






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Ongoing financing projects:



471 MW solar financing in **ERCOT** leveraging our market forecast and transmission modelling







\$568MM debt financing of a 350MW Storage portfolio in CAISO





Aurora's price forecasts have been relied upon by lenders in recently completed transactions:

\$650MM debt financing of a 215MW Solar + Storage facility in CAISO









project in ERCOT



Market advisor for debt financing of a 600 MW onshore wind farm in ERCOT for a global Canadian developer





Market advisor for debt financing of Gresham House's 400+MW battery storage portfolio





Debt financing of a 826MW CCGT asset





€28MM debt financing First subsidy-free wind financing in **Poland**





£192MM debt financing Saltend CCGT with CHP. LMA for regular forecasts





Debt financing of a solar/storage asset in **ERCOT** for a global European developer







Market Advisor for Debt financing providing structural floor pricing for term loans



Market advisor for the financing of a portfolio of hydro and PV assets





Sell side advisor for the largest operational battery storage portfolio within the frequency containment reserve in Europe (90 MW)





Market advisor for first project financing of battery storage in the UK







€48MM debt financing

220MW Potegowo onshore wind

farm of Israel Infrastructure Fund

Introducing Aurora's speakers and AIES team



Oliver Kerr Head of North America



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Commercial Associate



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Context in AIES

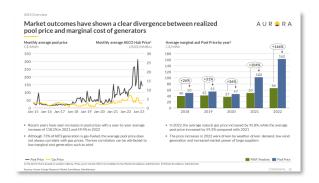
- High pool price and volatility: Offer behavior, extreme weather and gas price volatility are drivers of high prices in recent years
- Large renewables pipeline: AESO's Connection Project List¹ currently contains 27.8 GW of capacity, out of which 73% are renewable projects
- Policy uncertainty: The release of the Clean Electricity Regulations proposal and the moratorium on renewable energy permitting add to the uncertainty on future policy direction in Alberta

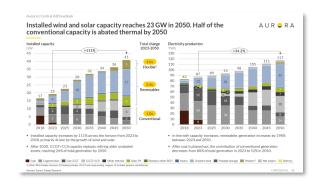
Market Outlook

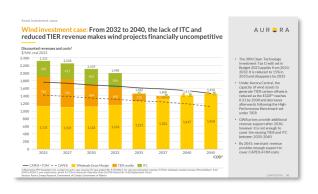
- Price outlook: New market participants and renewable capacity expansion are drivers of short-term pool price reductions. In the long-term, pool price sees gains due to capacity mix changes
- Renewables build: Wind and solar see large capacity expansions driven by policy incentives and declining costs
- Abated conventional generation: Natural gasfueled generation plays a big role in meeting demand until 2050

Investment Cases

- Investment Tax Credits: Renewables and carbon capture technology get significant support up to the mid 2030s
- TIER² carbon offsets: Wind and solar assets get additional revenue from carbon offsets through 2040
- Policy impact: Uncertainty around the future of the TIER carbon market impacts the investment case for renewables and abated conventional assets







1) As of August 2023. 2) Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation.

AIES is the second largest deregulated market in Canada covering 255,000 sq. miles and 18.3 GW of installed capacity

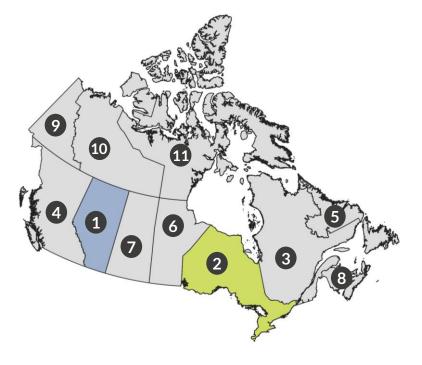


Renewables

Alberta and Ontario are the only provinces in Canada with a competitive generation and retail markets run by Independent System Operators (ISOs). ISOs use competitive market mechanisms that allow independent power producers and non-utility generators to trade power.

Installed

Map of Canadian wholesale electricity markets¹



ISO/Regional Entity	capacity ² GW	load ² TWh	load growth through 2030 ³	share of generation ⁴	Reserve margin ⁵
AESO (Alberta)	18.3	86.5	3.7%	14%	21.6%
IESO (Ontario)	22.9	137.5	6.8%	26%	13.5%
Quebec 3	40.3	212.9	4.8%	98%	12.0%
British Columbia 4	11.5	64.3	7.0%	89%	15.5%
Newfoundland and Labrador 5	7.8	40.8	NA	96%	NA
Manitoba 6	4.6	33.9	7.0%	95%	16.0%
Saskatchewan 7	3.8	24.1	8.5%	23%	26.9%
Maritimes (NB, NS, PEI) ⁶	5.6	25.4	4.8%	23%	26.1%
Yukon 9	0.14	0.53	NA	92%	NA
Northwest Territories 10	0.21	0.72	NA	49%	NA
Nunavut	0.05	0.25	NA	0%	NA

Annual

Projected peak

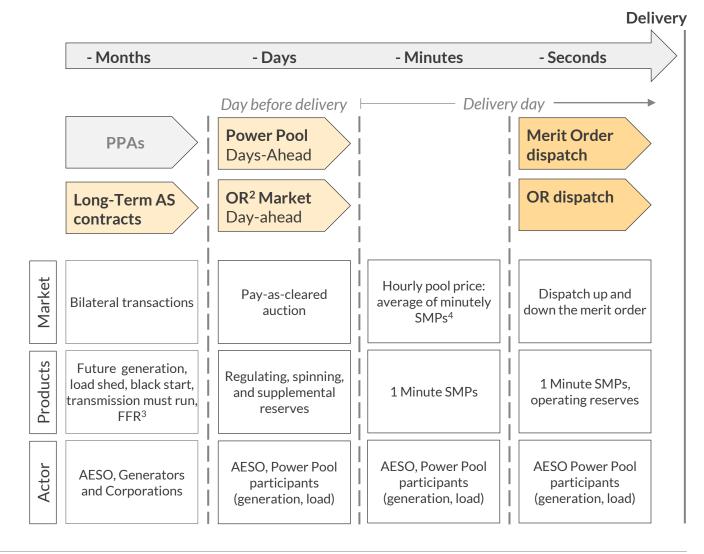
¹⁾ Light gray areas are regulated meaning they are vertically integrated utilities responsible for the production, transportation and sale of electricity to consumers. 2) From AESO and 2022 NERC Long-Term Reliability Assessment and Canada Energy Regulator. 3) Compares 2021 through 2030. 4) 2022 data, includes wind, solar and Hydro. 5) Data from 2022 NERC Seasonal Resource Assessment. 6) NB=New Brunswick, NS=Nova Scotia, PEI=Prince Edward Island. 10

AIES is a single region, energy-only market with no scarcity mechanism and a low-price cap of C\$1000/MWh



Key features of the AIES power market

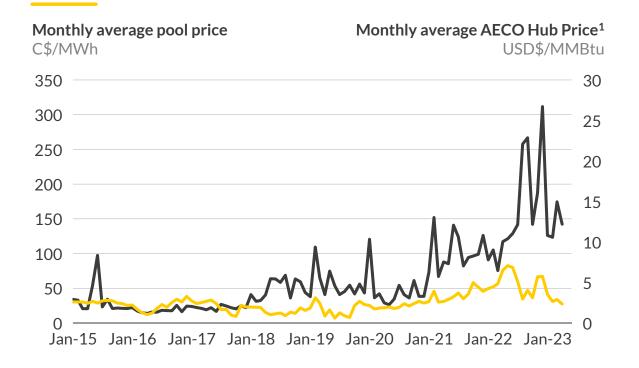
- 1 Energy-only market with separate Ancillary Services market
- Supply and demand determine power prices
- The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) manages and operates the provincial power grid
- Is part of WECC¹ and connected to British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Montana
- Installed nameplate capacity (2022): 18.3 GW
- Service territory: ~255,000 square miles
- Net Energy for Load (2022): 61.8 TWh
- 3 Transmission monopoly operated by AESO
- No transmission rights, transmission is to be unconstrained
- AESO conducts planning of the transmission system and the Alberta Utilities Commission reviews and approves proposed projects
- 4 Significant gas-fueled generation
- Natural gas is a significant share of the AIES generation and installed capacity mix, with coal set to be phased out by 2023



1) WECC = Western Electricity Coordinating Council. 2) OR = Operating Reserves. 3) FFR = Fast Frequency Response. 4) SMP = System Marginal Price. Sources: Aurora Energy Research, AESO

Market outcomes have shown a clear divergence between realized pool price and marginal cost of generators





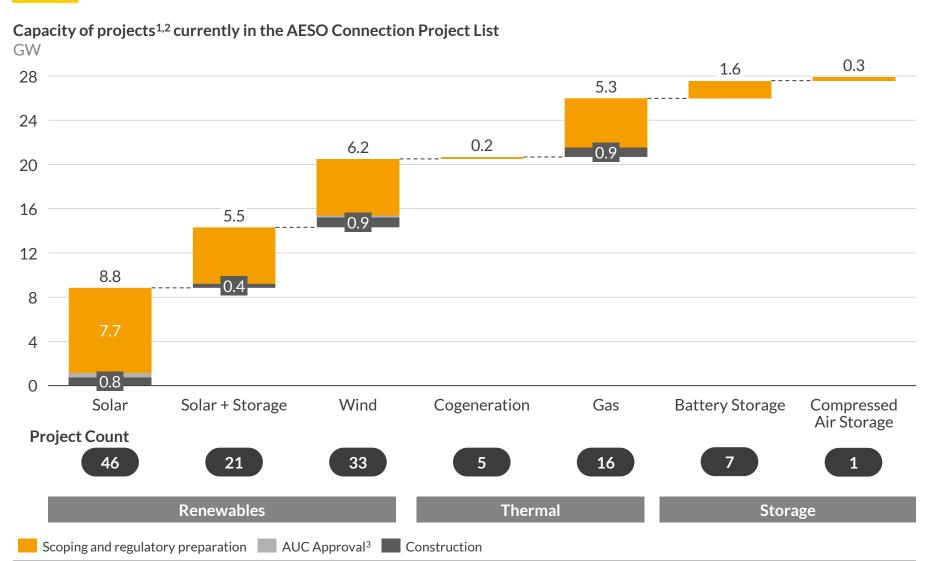


- Recent years have seen increases in pool prices with a year-to-year average increase of 118.2% in 2021 and 59.4% in 2022
- Although 73% of AIES generation is gas-fueled, the average pool price does not always correlate with gas prices. The low correlation can be attributed to low marginal cost generation such as wind

- In 2022, the average natural gas price increased by 45.8%, while the average pool price increased by 59.3% compared with 2021
- The price increases in 2021 and 2022 were driven by weather-driven demand. low wind generation, increased market power of large suppliers and the expiry of PPAs held by the Balancing Pool

System Marginal Cost Pool Price

There is strong interest in solar and wind development due to policy incentives and high PPAs demand by corporate players



- The Connection Project List currently contains nominally 27.8 GW of capacity, which is around 154% of the installed system capacity in AIES
- 51% of the capacity in the list comes from solar, also representing 44% of the number of projects
- Most projects in the list are in scoping, assessment and regulatory preparation, which indicates that a few of them may not be realized
- Only 11% of the capacity in the connection list, representing 15% of projects, is under construction

1) Includes projects of "Connection" type, excludes "Behind-the-Fence" type projects. 2) As of August 2023. 3) AUC = Alberta Utilities Commission.

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Alberta has policy support for renewables, but uncertainty is high due to a misalignment in federal and provincial goals



Indirect support for renewables through carbon pricing has been favored in Canadian policy to date. Most recently, as a response to the US Inflation Reduction Act, direct subsidies for renewables were proposed in Budget 2023 through investment tax credits and increased financing for renewable energy projects

Indirect support Direct support



TIER¹ Regulation

CER

Clean Electricity Regulations



Clean Energy Tax Credits

Canada Infrastructure Bank's focus on clean electricity

Active since 2020

In development²

Budget 2023

Budget 2023

Policy details

- Requires regulated facilities to reduce emissions and establishes emissions benchmarks for electricity production
- Creates compliance obligations which can be met through emission reductions, emission offset or performance credits, or purchasing fund credits by paying the carbon price set by the TIER Fund
- Require Canada's electricity grid to have net-zero emissions by 2035
- Encourage energy efficiency, demand side management, dynamic pricing and abatement and nonemitting generating technologies
- Limits capacity factor on unabated gas assets after 2035
- Sets a 20-year prescribed life on thermal assets

Two schemes available:

- Clean Technology Investment Tax Credit: Refundable credits of up to 30% of capital cost for eligible renewable energy projects
- Clean Electricity Investment Tax Credit: Refundable 15% tax credit on capital costs of investments made in renewable energy, storage, and interprovincial transmission
- Deepened role as investor in private sector-led infrastructure projects.
 Enable low-cost financing for renewable energy, energy storage and transmission projects
- Support electrification and affordability with C\$20 billion of financing for clean electricity and clean growth infrastructure projects

AIES details

- Replaces the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (GGPPA)
- Aligns the provincial carbon price with the federal requirements
- Would require phasing down large amounts of gas-fueled generation
- Cogeneration would be included if part of the Power Pool
- Incentivize renewable generation in Alberta
- Improved economics for CCUS³ projects
- Incentivize renewable generation in Alberta
- Incentivize energy storage projects

¹⁾ TIER = Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation. 2) In consultation period until Nov 2, 2023. 3) CCUS = Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage.

Alberta's energy policies and support for renewables have been in constant change in the last few years

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2024

2019:

The federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (GGPPA) is implemented. Provides a backstop on emissions using a carbon levy on fuels and an output-based pricing system for large emitters

2022:

Updates to the TIER regulation align the price of carbon with the federal price. The updates establish a benchmark tightening rate for large emitters and accelerated credit expiry. Post 2030, conventional and RES are subject to the same emissions/offset standard³

2023:

The Government of Canada released its proposed Clean Electricity Regulations (CER) for a net-zero grid by 2035. The regulation would establish emissions standards for generation units as well as financial compliance requirements

2019

2020:

The TIER¹ system is enacted Meets the federal carbon

Meets the federal carbon standards for large emitters. Is applied in parallel with the federal carbon tax on fuel. Allows RES to generate carbon offsets that can be traded in the market 2023:

Budget 2023 establishes a 30% tax credit on capital cost of investment for clean energy and up to 40% tax credit on green hydrogen² among other measure in response to the US Inflation Reduction Act 2023:

Alberta's Provincial Government enacted a moratorium on renewable energy permitting. The moratorium stops the AUC⁴ from issuing permits to new renewable projects until February 29th, 2024

Federal Policy

Provincial Policy

1) Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation. 2) Refundable credits on the cost of purchasing and installing equipment. 3) The High-Performance Benchmark matches the Electricity Grid Displacement Factor (EGDF) in 2030. 4) Alberta Utilities Commission.

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Summary of scenario input assumptions

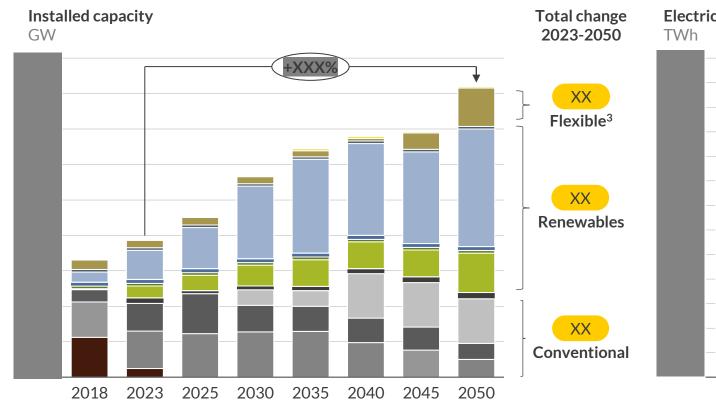


		Aurora Central		
M Demand	Underlying demand	+30 TWh between 2023 and 2050 driven by population and industrial growth		
Commodities	Gas price	AECO Hub prices increase to USD\$3.57/MMBTU in 2030 and USD\$4.52/MMBtu in 2050		
Technology	Renewables	Between 2023 and 2050 wind CAPEX falls by 28% and solar by 51% Battery CAPEX falls by 58% by 2050		
	CCGT + CCS	After 2035, new thermal buildout is abated apart from peakers		
	Clean Electricity Regulations	The implementation of the Clean Electricity Regulation in Alberta is delayed to 2040, a 5-year delay compared with the proposed legistration ^{1,2}		
	TIER ⁴ Regulation	EGDF ³ goes from 0.52 ton ⁵ /MWh in 2023 to 0.31 in 2030 matching the High-Performance Benchmark (HPB). Afterwards, the HPB is reduced by 2% annually until 2035		
Policy	Renewables incentives	ITC for renewables and batteries are 30% as set in Budget 2023 ITC for carbon capture technologies is set to 50% from 2024-30, 25% from 2031-40 Limited buildout in 2024-25 due to the 2023 permitting moratorium		
	Carbon price	C\$170/ton by 2030, 2% annual increase after 2030		
	Transmission upgrades	Enough transmission is built to accommodate new supply. New renewables have a Transmission Loss Factor of 8%		

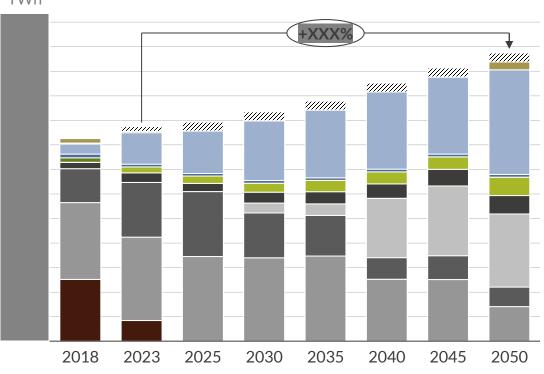
¹⁾ The CER draft published in August 2023 sets the start date for the Emission Performance Standard to 2035. 2) The EPS replaces Alberta's High-Performance Benchmark in 2035. 3) EGDF=Electricity Grid Displacement Factor. 4) Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation. 5) Metric tons.

Installed wind and solar capacity reaches XX GW in 2050. Half of the conventional capacity is abated thermal by 2050









- Installed capacity increases by XXX% across the horizon from 2023 to 2050, primarily driven by the growth of wind and solar
- After 2030, CCGT+CCS capacity replaces retiring older unabated assets, reaching XX% of total generation by 2050

- In line with capacity increases, renewables generation increases by XXX% between 2023 and 2050
- After coal is phased out, the contribution of conventional generation decreases from XX% of total generation in 2023 to 52% in 2050

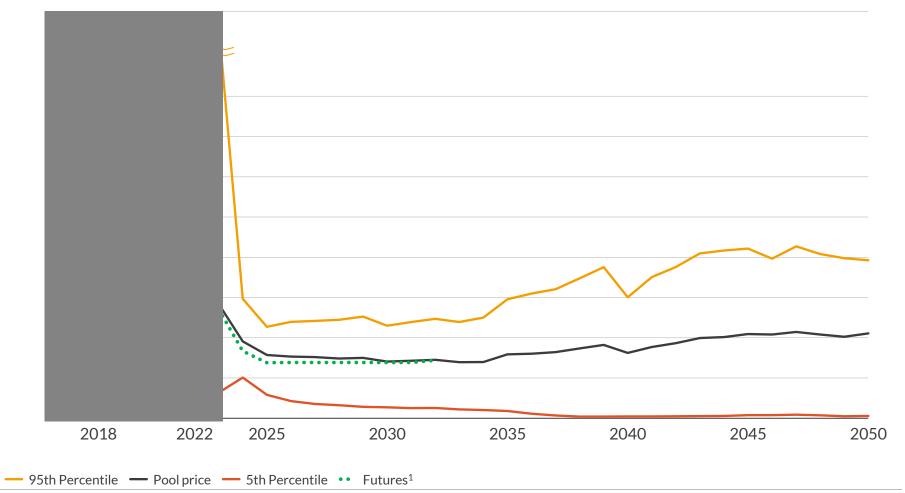


1) Other RES includes biomass. 2) Peaking includes OCGT and reciprocating engines. 3) Includes peakers and batteries.

Pool price rises to C\$XXX/MWh by 2050, price volatility increases after 2035 due to thermal retirements and increased renewables

Pool price and percentiles

C\$/MWh (real 2022)



- The average pool price is expected to decrease in the short term, reaching C\$XX/MWh by 2034 as new market participants enter the market
- After 2034, average pool price slowly increases to reach C\$XXX/MWh by 2050
- In the medium term, volatility in the pool price is expected to decrease, with new thermal and renewable generation coming into the market
- After 2035, volatility is expected to increase due to thermal retirements and the increased role of CCGT+CCS as price setter
- Another driver of price volatility after 2035 is the higher renewable penetration, which set the price in at least \(\time \)% of the time

1) NGX Fin FF, annual averages as of Sept 20th 2023.

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Increased wind and solar capacity lowers the pool price over C\$XX/MWh from 2024-2035





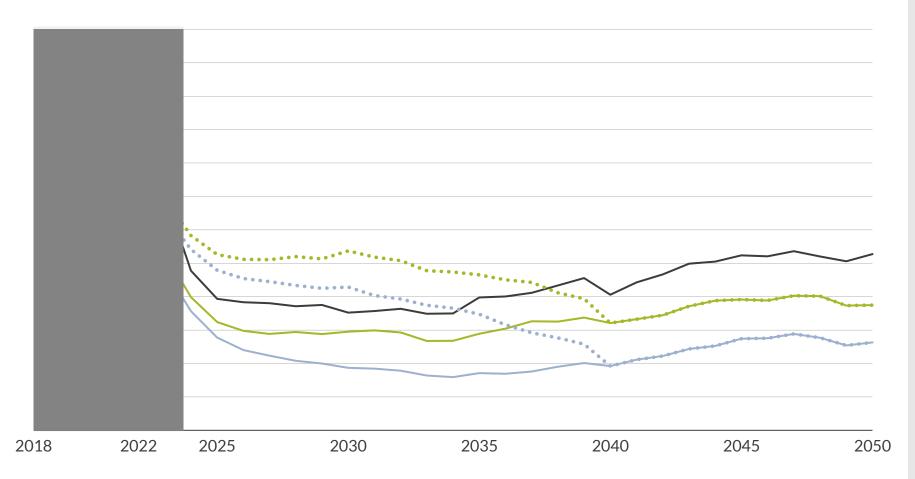
- From 2024 to 2035, gas price, demand, and CO₂ abatement costs put upward pressure on price totalling C\$XXX/MWh combined
- Renewables deployment contributes with a C\$XXX/MWh decrease, and offsets price increases caused by other factors

- Fast CO₂ price increases in 2024-2035 further incentivises renewable penetration, marginally contributing to a price decrease
- New market participants decrease market power exercise, increasing the downward pressure on pool price

¹⁾ Alberta Internal Load. 2) Quantities are in nominal Canadian dollars. 3) "Other" includes all other input changes, and any balancing effects from interactions of individual drivers. 4) Metric tons.

Wind and solar GWA prices are at a discount to pool price; including TIER credits they achieve a premium until the mid-to-late 2030s

Pool price and GWAs (Generation Weighted Average Prices) for wind and solar^{2,3} C\$/MWh (real 2022)



- Solar GWA prices track overall pool price with an average discount of XX% from 2024 to 2050
- However, when including TIER⁴ credits, the GWA price of solar is above the pool price from 2024 until 2037
- Wind GWA prices also track pool price with an average discount of XX% from 2024-2050
- Wind's higher discount is caused by production in non-peak price hours as well as the high installed capacity
- Solar's discount is a result of low capacity factors and non-peak price production resulting in higher overall LCOE

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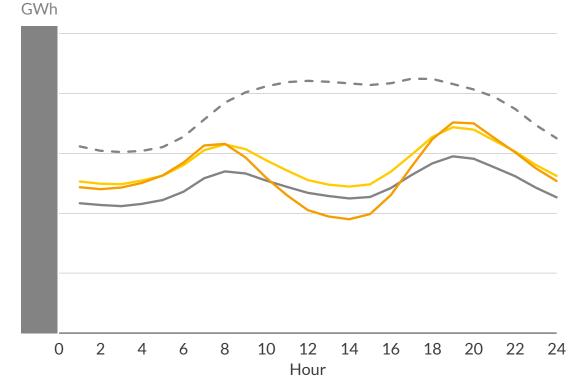
[—] Pool Price — Solar — Wind •• Solar + TIER Credits¹ •• Wind + TIER Credits¹

¹⁾ Assumes revenue from emission offsets determined by the EGDF. 2) Uncurtailed GWAs. 3) Historical values are as of August 2023. 4) Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation.

As renewables penetration increases, a duck curve appears with average peak hour prices increasing to C\$XXX/MWh by 2050

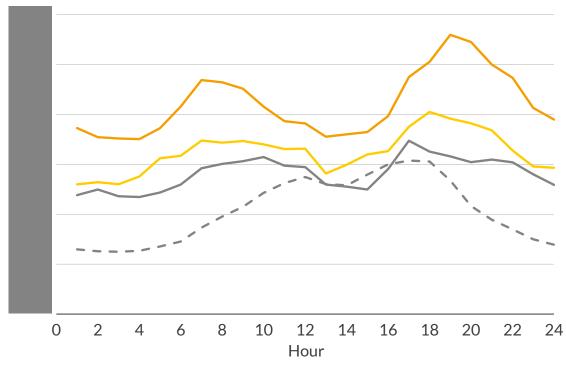






- By 2030, the increased wind and solar capacity shifts the peak net load from the middle of the day into the evening
- The combined renewable generation pushes down the net load values even as the net load spread increases for an average day

Hourly pool price² C\$/MWh (real 2022)



- The changes in net load shape causes a shift in peak prices from 5PM in 2020 to 7PM after 2030
- The difference in daily average price spread increases from C\$XX/MWh in 2020 to C\$XX/MWh in 2040 and C\$XX/MWh in 2050. After 2030, the increasing renewable capacity deepens the shape of the duck curve

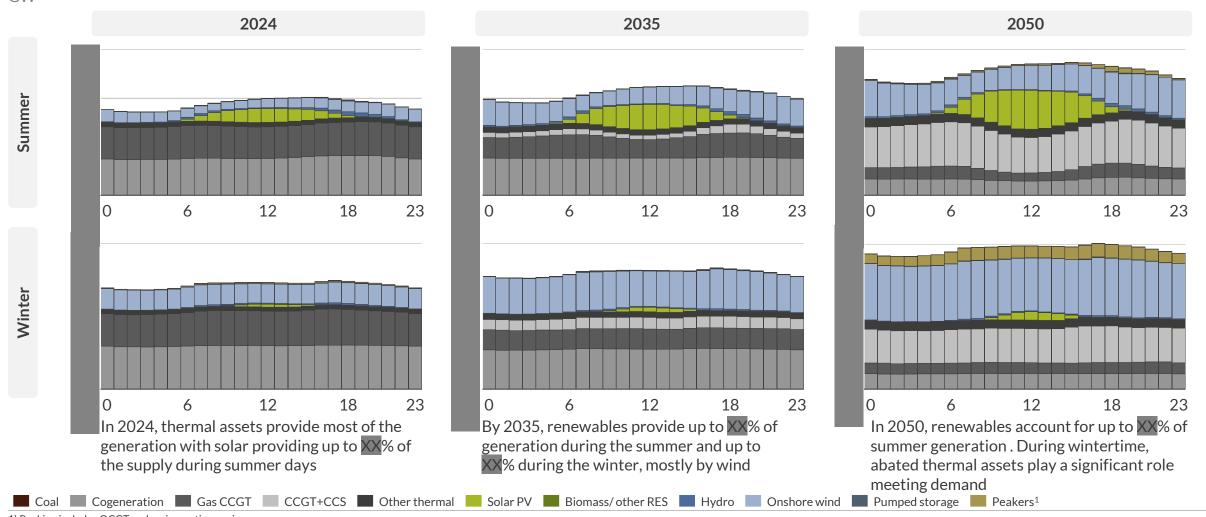
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¹⁾ Net Load = Alberta Internal Load minus wind and solar generation. 2) Average over each year.

Seasonal variations in AIES will create significant differences in supply and demand dynamics

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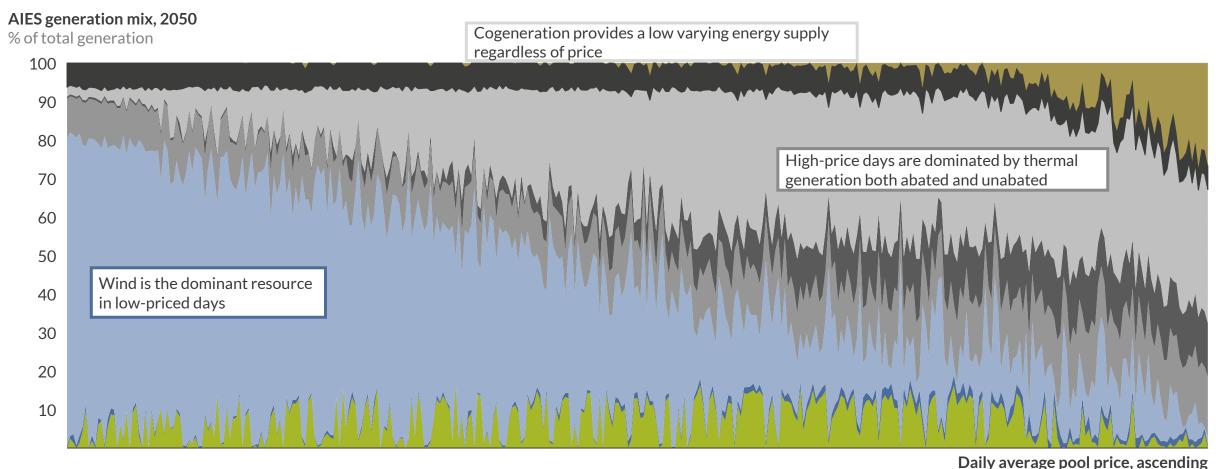
Average daily generation (Summer vs Winter days in AIES Central) $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{GW}}}$



1) Peaking includes OCGT and reciprocating engines.

Wind produces over XX% of the electricity in XX% of the days. Thermal assets AUR RA generate over XX% of daily generation for XX% of the time

Despite high renewables generation, AIES still relies on significant thermal generation by 2050. While most of the thermal generation is CCGT+CCS, during high-scarcity, high-price periods, most supply comes from thermal assets, included unabated ones such as peakers



Cogeneration CCGT CCGT+CCS Other Thermal² Solar Other RES Hydro Wind Peaker

1) For presentation purposes, the hourly data has been grouped into 24-hour intervals. 2) Other Thermal includes coal-to-gas conversions and gas fuelled steam turbines.

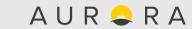
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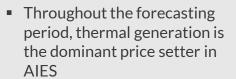
C\$/MWh

Marginality¹ by technology

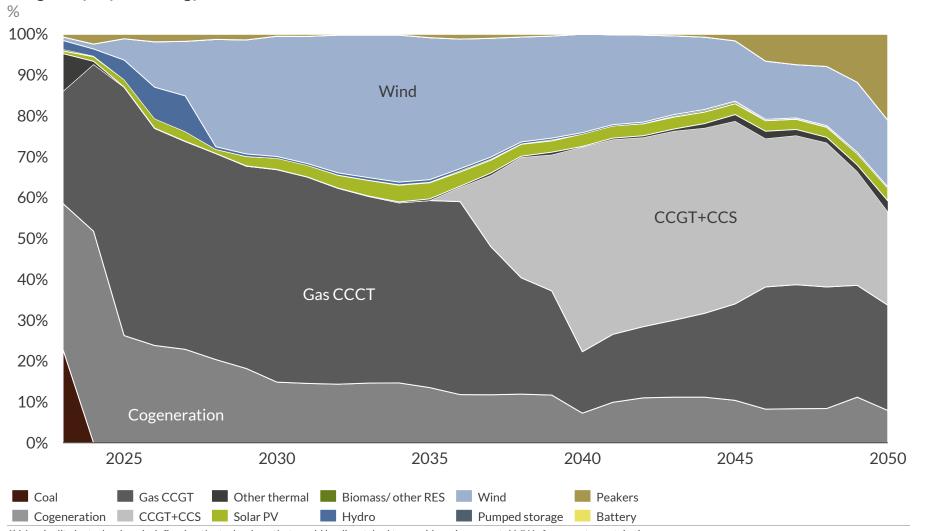
Thermal generation is the dominant price setter in AIES from 2024







- After 2025, wind increases the percentage of time on the margin, peaking in 2034 at XX% of time
- After 2035, the unabated thermal retirements and increased CCGT+CCS capacity reduce the marginality of wind
- By 2040, CCGT+CCS reaches XX% of marginality. Thermal assets set the price for XX% of the time
- In 2050, thermal generation sets the price during XX% of the time



1) Marginality by technology is defined as the technology that would be dispatched to provide an incremental MW of power at a certain time.

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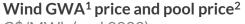
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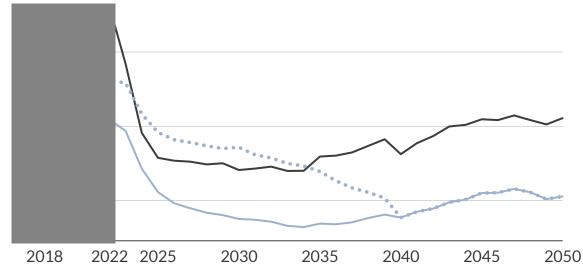
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Wind investment case: TIER credits provide XX% of the revenue for the first 10 years of a project; ITC offsets XX% of the CAPEX



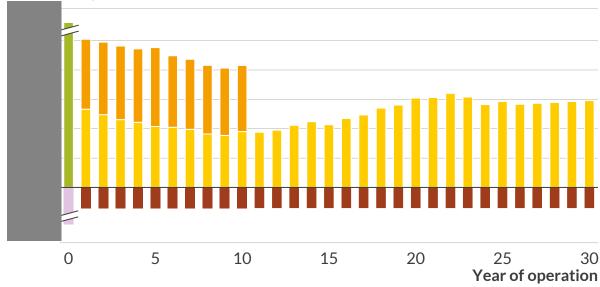


C\$/MWh (real 2022)





C\$/kW/year (real 2022)



- Wind GWA prices are lower than pool price throughout the forecasting period with a XX% average discount
- Increased wind buildout pushes down the GWA prices to reach a minimum of C\$XXX/MWh by 2034
- TIER⁵ carbon offsets can provide additional revenue to wind assets through 2040 depending on the COD of the asset

- For an asset with a 2025 COD, the ITC offsets XX% of the CAPEX while TIER credits provide an average of XX% of the revenue for the first 10 years of operation
- The same asset obtains an IRR of XXX% assuming a 30-year lifetime³

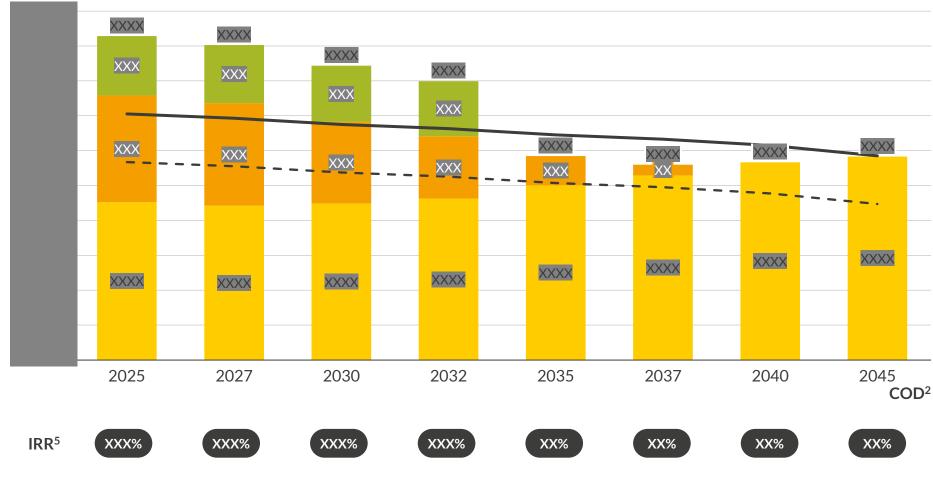
CAPEX FOM ITC TIER credits Wholesale Gross Margin

¹⁾ GWA= Generation Weighted Average. 2) Average over a year. 3) Assume 30-year project life; 0% curtailment from 2020 to 2050; 1-year construction period. 4) COD=Commercial Operation Date. 5) Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation.

Wind investment case: From 2032 to 2040, the lack of ITC and reduced TIER revenue makes wind projects financially uncompetitive

Discounted revenues and costs¹

C\$/kW (real 2022)





- The XX% Clean Technology Investment Tax Credit set in Budget 2023 applies from 2024-2032. It is reduced to XX% in 2033 and disappears by 2035
- Under Aurora Central, the capacity of wind assets to generate TIER³ carbon offsets is reduced as the EGDF⁴ reaches XXX by 2030 and decreases afterwards following the High-Performance Benchmark set under TIFR
- GWA prices provide additional revenue support after 2030, however it is not enough to cover the missing TIER and ITC between 2035-2040
- By 2045, merchant revenue provides enough support to cover CAPEX+FOM costs



Wholesale Gross Margin





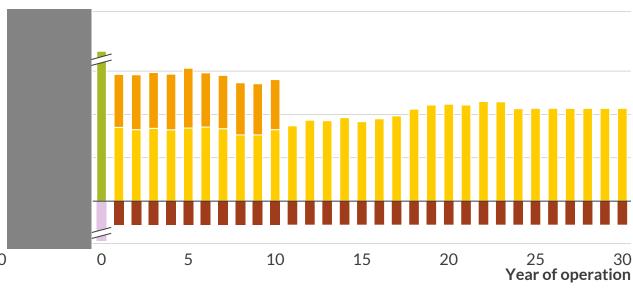
Solar investment case: TIER credits provide XX% of the revenue for the first 10 years of a project; ITC offsets XX% of the CAPEX





2018 2022 2025 2030 2035 2040 2045 2050

Solar undiscounted revenues and costs – 2025 COD^{3,4} C\$/kW/year (real 2022)



- Solar GWA prices are lower than pool price throughout the forecasting period with a XX% average discount
- After 2034, solar GWAs begin increasing to reach C\$XX/MWh by 2050.
 This increase closely tracks pool price behaviour
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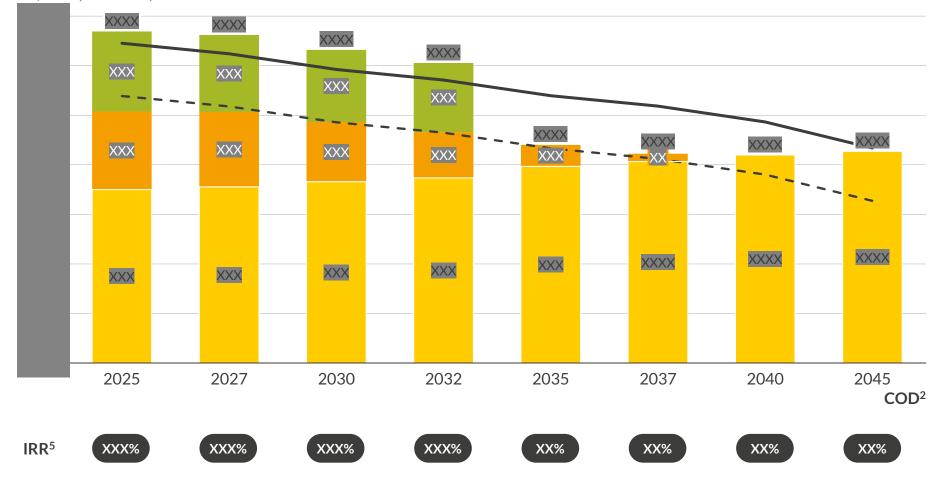
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Solar investment case: After 2032, the lack of ITC and reduced TIER revenue makes wind projects financially uncompetitive

Discounted revenues and costs¹

— CAPEX + FOM — — CAPEX

C\$/kW (real 2022)





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- By 2045, merchant revenue provides enough support to cover CAPEX+FOM costs

TIER credits

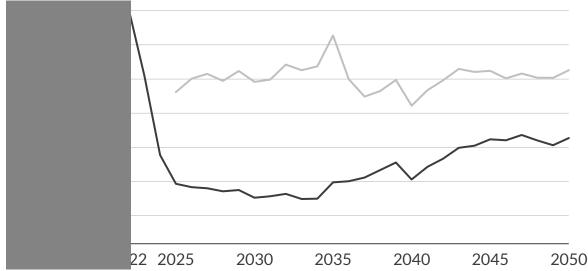
Wholesale Gross Margin

CCGT+CCS investment case: High GWA prices provide support for merchant revenue through 2050; TIER credits represent XX% of average early revenue

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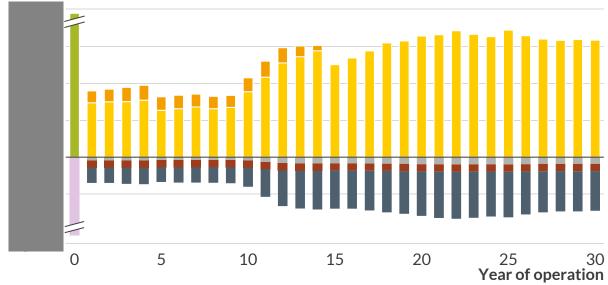


C\$/MWh (real 2022)



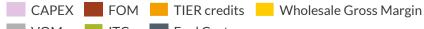
CCGT+CCS undiscounted revenues and costs – 2025 COD^{3,4}

C\$/kW/year (real 2022)



- From 2024-2050, CCGT+CCS GWA prices are at a premium with respect to pool price by XX% on average
- The premium is driven by thermal assets' ability to capture high prices during peak demand hours combined with the capacity to continuously run throughout the day
- In the period 2025-2035, a CCGT+CCS plant is expected to have an average load factor of XX%. From 2036-2050, load factor increases to an average of XX%, driving larger merchant revenues

- For a CCGT+CCS asset with a COD in 2025, the ITC offsets XX% of the CAPEX while TIER⁵ carbon capture credits represent XX% of the gross revenue for the first 15 years⁶
- Under Aurora Central, the ability of the plant to generate TIER carbon capture credits disappears in 2040 due to the CER implementation, limiting the creditgenerating period to 15 years instead of the maximum of 20 years
- The same asset obtains an IRR of XXX % assuming a 30-year lifetime



[—] ATC — CCGT+CCS

¹⁾ GWA= Generation Weighted Average. 2) Average over a year. 3) Assume 30-year project life; 0% curtailment from 2020 to 2050; 1-year construction period; 40% average load factor throughout the period; 40% efficiency. 4) COD=Commercial Operation Date. 5) Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation. 6) Carbon capture credits can be generated for up to 20 years under current TIER regulations.

CCGT+CCS investment case: ITCs and TIER credits are required until 2030

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Discounted revenues and costs¹

— CAPEX + FOM — — CAPEX

C\$/kW (real 2022)



- A XX% ITC applies from 2024-2030. It is reduced to XX% from 2031-2040
- Pre-2032, the ITC and TIER³ revenue provide needed support to make CCGT+CCS financially possible.
- After 2032, the reduced TIER revenues and ITC make the financial case for CCGT+CCS more challenging
- High GWA⁴ prices and increased capacity factors do not provide enough merchant revenue to cover all costs in any year
- Abated thermal assets can generate carbon offsets for up to 20 years. However, under Aurora Central, their capacity to generate them disappears in 2040 due to the enactment of the CER

TIER credits

Wholesale Gross Margin

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Conventional Solar Wind Flexible

Aurora's analysis considers the impact of 9 policy and market key sensitivities on energy prices and capacity outcomes

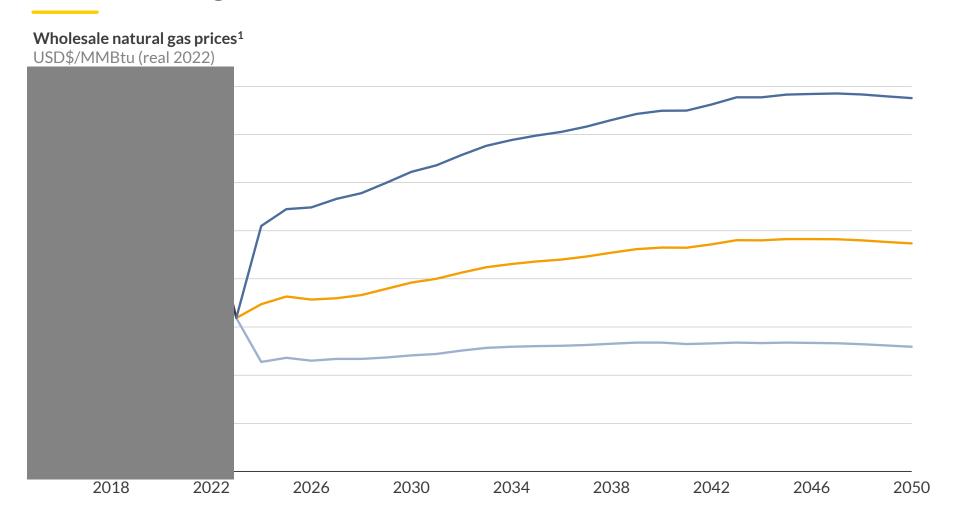


			Impact relative to Central (2030-2050 average)				
	Sensitivity	Description	Average pool price C\$/MWh (real 2022)	Capacity delta GW	RES GWA ⁴ prices C\$/MWh (real 2022)		
Market	High gas price	Gas price ² increased XX% from Central in 2030 (USD\$XX/MMBtu) and XX% (USD\$XX/MMBtu) in 2050.	XXX	-XX XX XX	X		
	Low gas price	Gas price ² decreased XX% from Central in 2030 (USD\$XX/MMBtu) and XX% (USD\$XX/MMBtu) in 2050.	-XXX	-XX -XX -XX	-X -X		
	High load growth	Total annual load increased +XX% from Central by 2030 and +XX% by 2050	××	XX XX XX	-X		
	Low load growth	Total annual load decreased -XX% from Central by 2030 and -XX% by 2050	-XX	-xx -xx -xx	-X		
Policy	High carbon price	Carbon price increases at XX% after 2030 reaching C\$XXX/ton ⁵ (nominal) by 2050	XX	XX XX XX	-X		
	Low carbon price	Carbon price stays at C\$XXX/ton ⁵ (nominal) after 2030	XX	-XX -XX -XX	×		
	Inflexible CER ¹	The emissions cap is enacted in 2035 as set in the proposed legislation	××	-XX -XX -XX	X		
	CER ¹ delay	The emissions cap is enacted in 2045, 10 years delay from proposed legislation and 5 years delay vs Aurora Central	-XX	XX XX XX	-X -X		
	Interconnection delays	Renewables face extended connection delays which limit their growth ³	××	XX XX XX	-X		

1) CER = Clean Electricity Regulations. 2) Prices at AECO Hub. 3) Buildout limits of 570 MW/year for wind and 350 MW/year for solar through 2050. 4) GWA= Generation Weighted Average. 5) Metric tons.

— Historical — Aurora Central — Low Gas — High Gas

Gas price sensitivity: Gas-fuelled generation set the price XX % of the time on average between 2024-2050



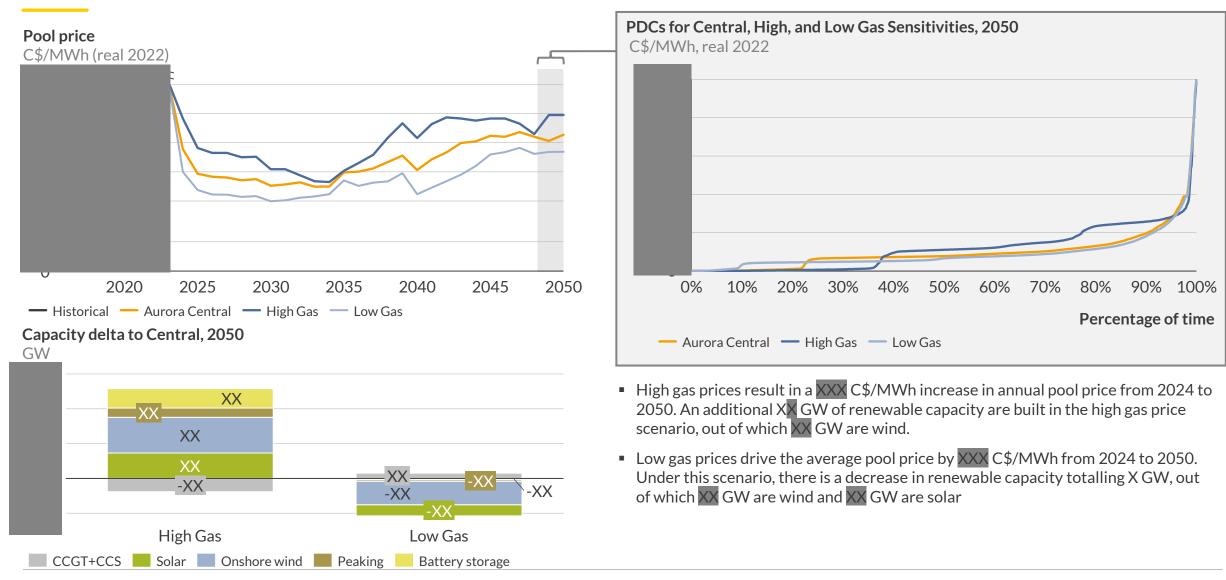
- Natural gas is the most important commodity in AIES as gas-fuelled generation is price setting XX% of the time on average from 2024-2050
- Alberta's pipeline capacity and geographical location away from export hubs reflects in discounted gas prices compared to Henry Hub
- Aurora Central scenario considers an annual average prices of USD\$XXX/MMBtu by 2050
- The Low Gas price scenario considers an annual average price of USD\$XXX/MMBtu by 2050
- The High Gas price scenario considers prices reaching on average USD\$XXX/MMBtu by 2050

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¹⁾ For years 2023-2027, the prices shown consider latest futures prices for the years in question, with declining weights. In year 2023, forecast prices include historical prices up to August.

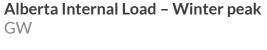
Gas price sensitivity: High gas prices cause a XXX% average increase in pool price; low gas prices decrease prices by XX% from 2024 to 2050

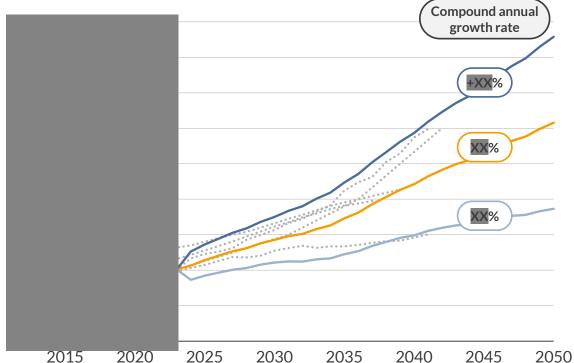




Load sensitivity: Total load is forecasted to rise to XXX TWh by 2050 driven by urban growth and electrification of transportation

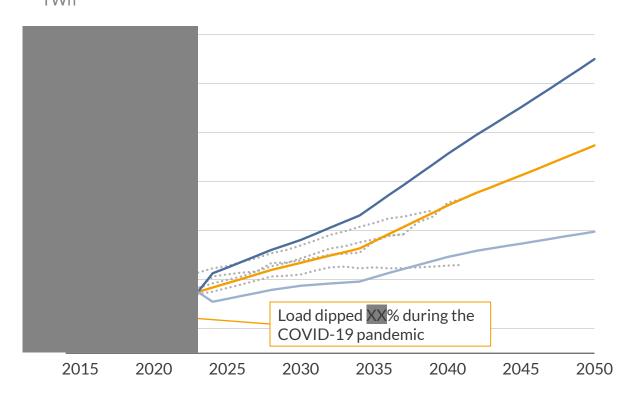






- Future load is driven by economic growth, electrification of vehicles and buildings
- The High Load and Low Load sensitivities explore a ±XX% load difference by 2050 with respect to Aurora Central

Alberta Internal Load



- Annual energy demand is set to increase in line with peak demand and reaches TWh by 2035.
- Demand from oil sands is expected to be less significant compared to the past decade

··· Previous AESO Forecasts — Historical — Aurora Central — High Load Growth — Low Load Growth

Load sensitivity: Pool price shows low sensitivity to load changes, with average changes between +XX C\$/MWh and -XX C\$/MWh

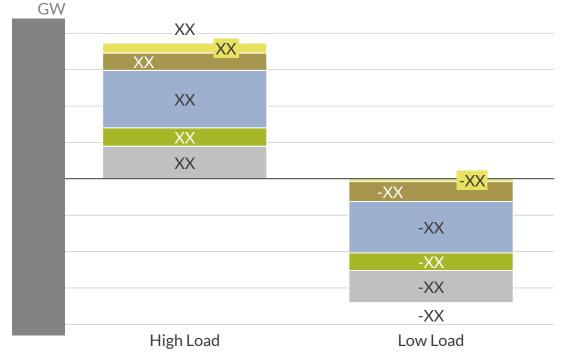


Pool price delta to Central

C\$/MWh (real 2022)



Capacity delta to Central, 2050



- The High Load scenario slightly pushes up pool price by an average of C\$XX/MWh from 2024-2050
- A Low Load scenario results in a small pool price decrease of C\$XX/MWh from 2024-2050 with most of the differences between 2024-2035
- High Load Growth Low Load Growth

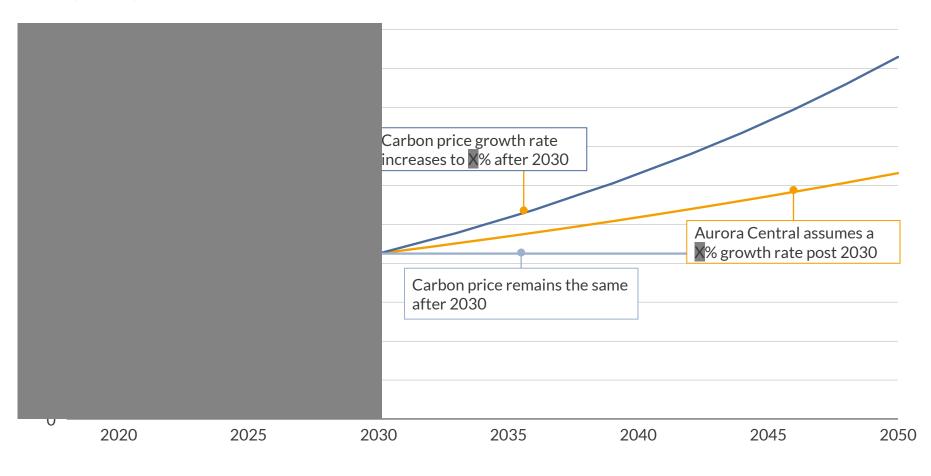
- The High Load scenario results in an additional XX GW of capacity, out of which XX% are renewables
- The Low Load scenario shows a XX GW decrease in capacity, with renewables accounting for XX% of the capacity difference

CCGT+CCS Solar Onshore wind Peaking Battery storage

Carbon price sensitivity: Carbon price is set to reach C\$XXX/ton by 2030. Uncertainty remains on prices post 2030

Carbon Price

C\$/ton² (nominal)



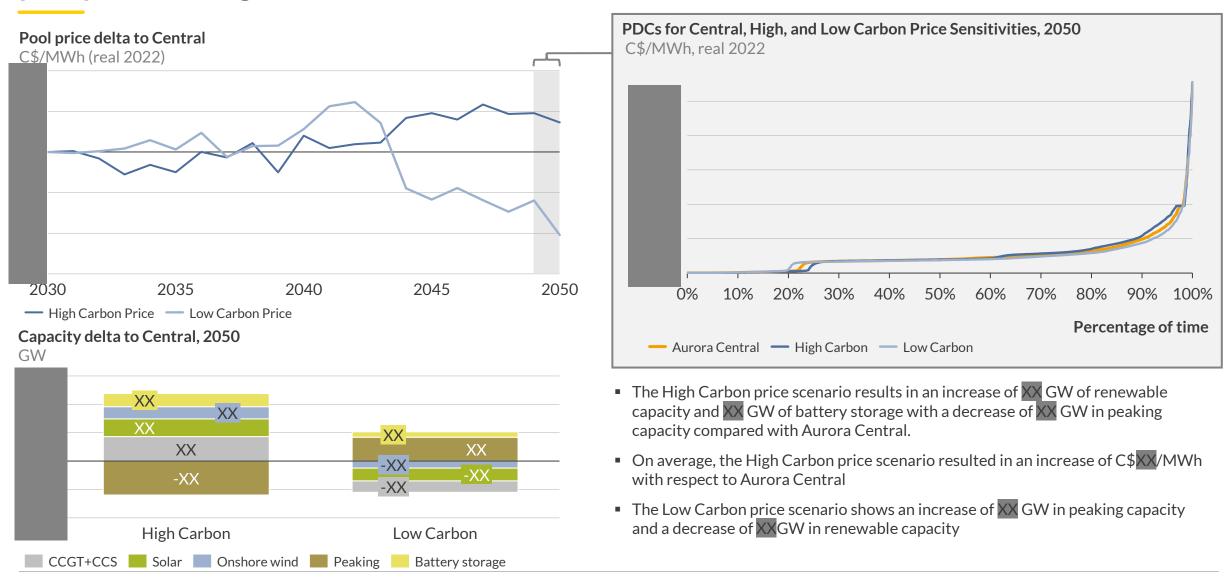


- The price of carbon in Alberta is set to reach C\$XXX by 2030 in line with federal regulation
- Renewables can generate emission offsets at the rate specified by the EGDF¹ either at the time of commissioning or at a fixed schedule according to commissioning date

— Carbon Price (Federal Benchmark) — Aurora Central — High Carbon — Low Carbon

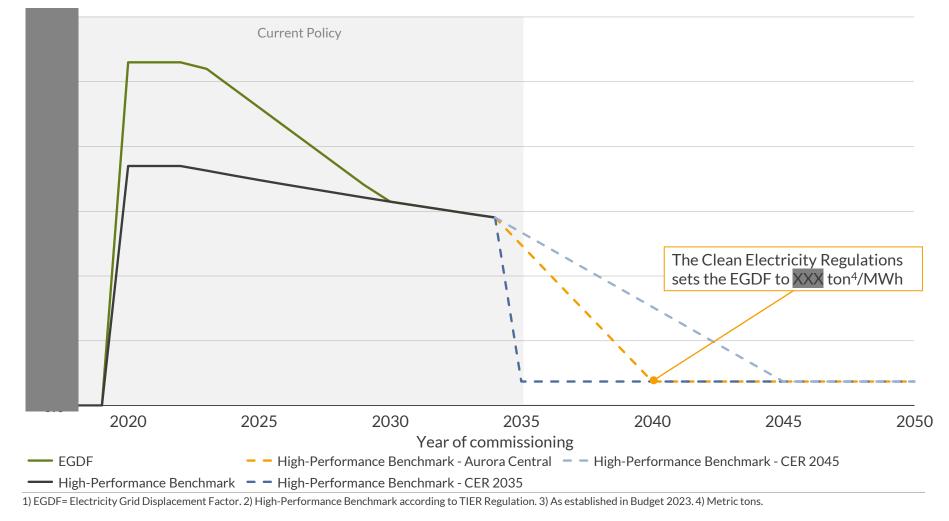
¹⁾ EGDF=Electricity Grid Displacement Factor. 2) Metric tons.

Carbon price sensitivity: Carbon price changes post 2030 have small impacts on A U R R R A pool price as the grid moves towards decarbonization



CER sensitivity: Aurora Central assumes a delay in the implementation of the CER in Alberta until 2040

EGDF¹, High-Performance Benchmark² ton⁴/MWh



- Under the proposed Clean Electricity Regulations, after 2035 generators would be required to reduce emissions to net-zero, thus dropping the value of the EGDF
- Under Aurora Central, a 5-year delay of CER results in a longer period of policy support for renewable generation and buildout
- CER 2045 scenario gives renewables the largest financial support comparing with other scenarios

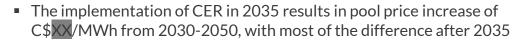
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CER sensitivity: Changes in the enforcement date of the CER result in revenue differences for RES due to TIER¹ credit generation





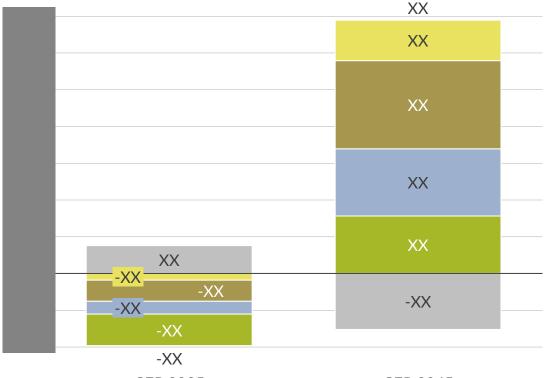




• Due to the delay of CER, after 2035, with more RES buildout, the pool price decreases by an average of C\$XX/MWh



Capacity delta to Central, 2050 GW



CER 2035 CER 2045 ■ The CER 2035 scenario shows a XXGW decrease of renewable capacity

• The delay of CER results in a XXGW increase of capacity, with renewables accounting for XX% of the capacity difference

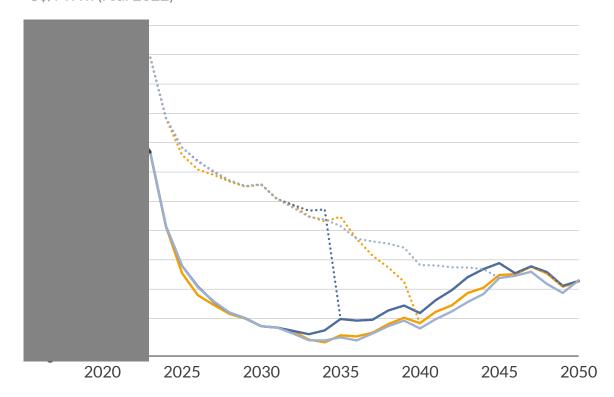


¹⁾ Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation.

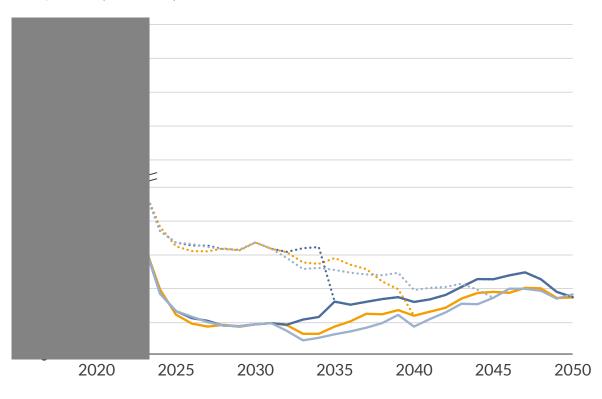
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Wind GWA² Prices for Aurora Central, CER 2035 and CER 2045 C\$/MWh (real 2022)



 With reduced financial support from TIER¹ credit and less capacity buildout, the wind GWA in CER 2035 scenario is higher than Aurora Central and CER 2045 scenario Solar GWA Prices for Aurora Central, CER 2035 and CER 2045 C\$/MWh (real 2022)



• Similarly, with the implementation of Clean Electricity Regulations starts from 2035, solar has a higher GWA with a short period of policy support and less capacity buildout

— Historical — Aurora Central — CER 2035 — CER 2045 ··· Aurora Central + TIER Credits ··· CER 2035 + TIER Credits ··· CER 2045 + TIER Credits

¹⁾ Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation. 2) GWA= Generation Weighted Average.

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We explore key market uncertainties through a range of market scenarios and sensitivities



Central

Considers current policies alongside a view for future policy intervention, and our internally consistent central view of technological change and commodity prices. Assumes continuation of $TIER^1$ policies, the successful implementation of the subsidies established in Budget 2023, and a delay of the Clean Electricity Regulations until 2040

Low

Represents a downside case, incorporating low underlying demand and low commodity prices. This envisages a world with slower overall GDP and population growth. Assumes stagnant demand from oil and gas production in the province

High

A long-term upside case for prices, this scenario considers higher commodity prices and demand. Higher global GDP increases demand for commodities, while demand grows at an accelerated pace due to higher rate of population and industrial demand growth, including oil-sands production

Clean Ambition

Explores a greater push for decarbonization in Alberta through a combination of federal and provincial policies. Federal policies include the successful implementation of the Clean Electricity Regulations post 2035, transmission upgrades increasing potential renewables deployment and further declines in costs for emissions abatement technologies

Conservative Policy

Explores a shift in Federal level policies where the Clean Electricity Regulations are not implemented, emission abatement technologies are not required for thermal assets. Assumes TIER Regulations continue as currently established and a freezing of the carbon price in 2027

¹⁾ Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation.

Summary of scenarios inputs and assumptions

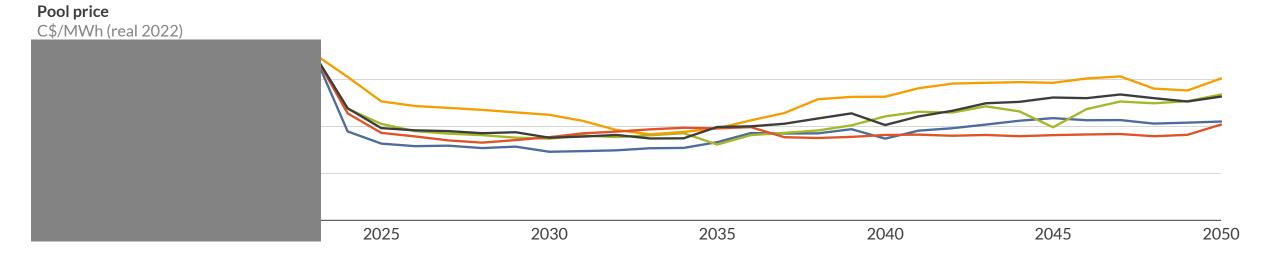


		Aurora Central	Low	High	Clean Ambition	Conservative Policy	
Demand + Commodity	Underlying demand	+XX TWh between 2023 and 2050 driven by population and industrial growth +XX TWh between 2023 and 2050 driven by population and industrial growth +XX TWh between 2023 and 2050 growth. The province meets Canada		driven by population and industrial a's zero-emission vehicles target.	+XX TWh between 2023 and 2050 driven by population and industrial growth		
	Gas price ³	Prices increase to \$XXX/MMBtu in 2050	Prices are \$XXX/MMBtu in 2050	Prices are \$XXX/MMBtu in 2050	Prices increase to \$XXX/MMBtu in 2050		
Technology	Renewables	Wind and solar capital expenditures fall by XX% and by XX% by 2050					
	CCGT + CCS	New thermal huldout atter 2035 must be abated except for peakers			New thermal buildout after 2035 must be abated except for peakers	There is no requirement for abated thermal generation	
Policy	Clean Electricity Regulations				The implementation of the CER in Alberta starts from 2035	The CER are not implemented	
	TIER ⁴ Regulation				EGDF goes from ton6/MWh in 2023 to in 2030 Afterwards, the HPB is reduced by manually until 2035	EGDF goes from XX ton ⁶ /MWh in 2023 to XX in 2030. Afterwards, the HPB is reduced by X% annually	
	Renewables incentives	ITC for renewables and batteries are XX% and fully phased out in 2035. XX% ITC for CCUS from 2024-2030, XX% from 2031-2040			ITC for renewables and batteries are XX% and fully phased out in 2040. XX% ITC for CCUS from 2024-2035, XX% from 2036-2045	ITC for renewables and batteries are XX% between 2024-2027. XX% ITC for CCUS from 2024-2027	
	Carbon price	C\$XXX/ton ⁶ by 2030, ₹% annual increase after 2030	C\$XXX/ton6 by 2030 and remains the same	C\$XXX/ton ⁶ by 2030, ₹% annual increase after 2030	C\$XXX/ton ⁶ by 2030, XXX/% annual increase after 2030	C\$XXX/ton ⁶ by 2027 and remains the same	
	Transmission upgrades	Enough transmission to accommodate new supply					

¹⁾ The CER draft published in August 2023 sets the start date for the Emission Performance Standard to 2035. 2) The EPS replaces Alberta's High-Performance Benchmark in 2035. 3) Prices are in 2022 USD. 4) Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation. 5) EGDF=Electricity Grid Displacement Factor. 6) Metric tons.

Pool prices in the scenarios range between C\$XX/MWh and C\$XXX/MWh in 2050 with the highest prices in the High Scenario

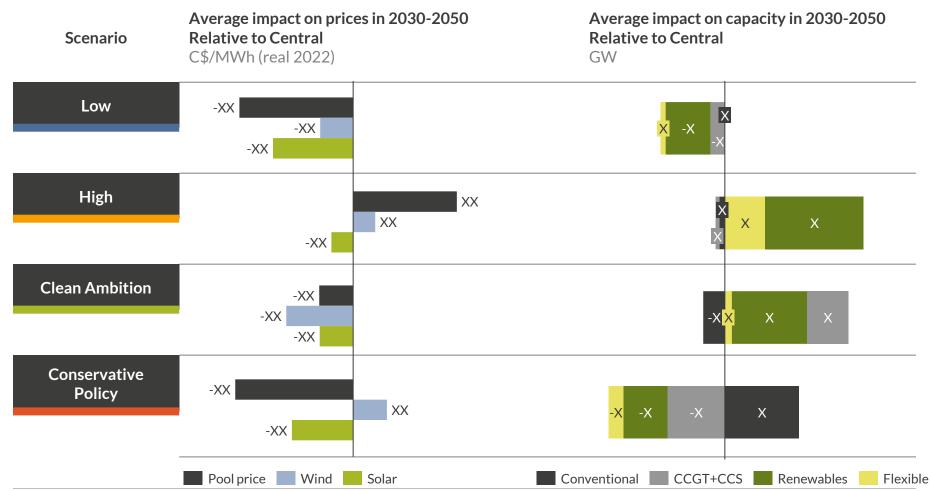




Scenario	Brief description	Typical use case				
Aurora Central	Aurora's Central view of the market, current legislated and budget- funded policies	Equity financing, strategy analysis				
Low	Low demand and commodity prices	Debt financing/sizing, strategy analysis				
High	High demand and commodity prices	Equity financing, strategy analysis				
Clean Ambition	Carbon pricing and other policies are enacted resulting in faster decarbonization of power sector and the wider AIES area economy	Test impact of more ambitious federal and state decarbonization policies				
Conservative Policy	Conservative government that undermines support for renewables and relax the constraint for unabated plants	Test impact of more conservative federal with slow technology development				
— Historical — Low — Clean Ambition — High — Conservative Policy — Aurora Central						

High scenario has the greatest impact on power prices and the largest capacity delta across all scenarios

The High scenario incentivizes the most renewable and battery storage deployment, followed by Clean Ambition. Low and High trade off some growth in renewables for thermal capacity



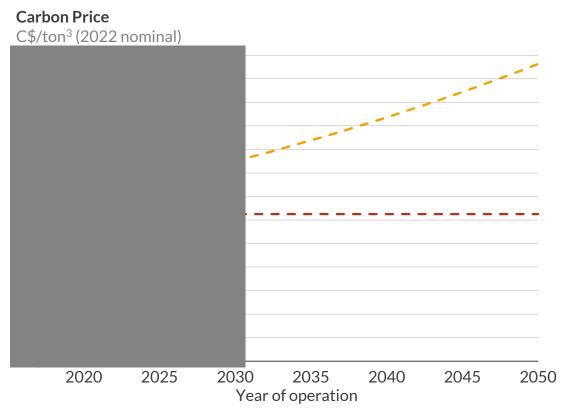
- High scenario produces the largest renewables buildout across all scenarios — XX GW more than Clean Ambition in 2050 due to the high gas price and high demand and longer incentives from the TIER1 Regulation
- Pool prices in the Conservative Policy scenario are on average C\$XXX/MWh lower than Central, followed by Low scenario, as low commodities prices and low demand enable cheap thermal generation across the horizon

1) Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation.

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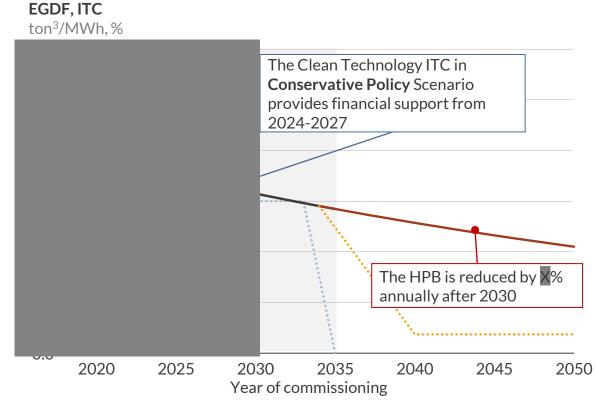
Conservative Policy Scenario: The Clean Electricity Regulations are not enacted, and the price of carbon stays constant at C\$XXX/ton after 2027





- The Conservative Policy scenario explores a change in direction at the federal level on carbon pricing and a net-zero emissions grid
- The price of carbon in the Conservative Policy scenario reaches C\$XXX/ton³ in 2027 and is kept nominally constant afterwards





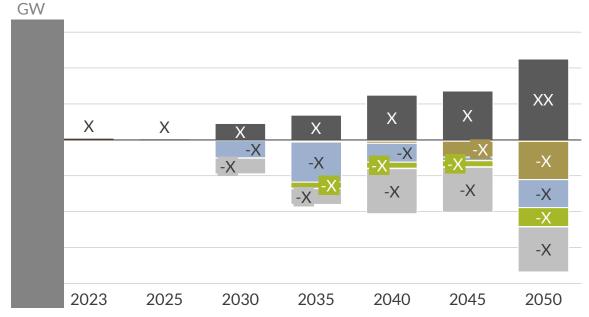
■ As the Clean Electricity Regulations are not enacted, the EGDF¹ and High-Performance Benchmark under TIER² regulation follow their currently approved schedule. ITC for renewables and batteries are set to zero in 2027.



Conservative Policy Scenario: Less stringent carbon policies result in thermal generation being unabated and less renewable capacity



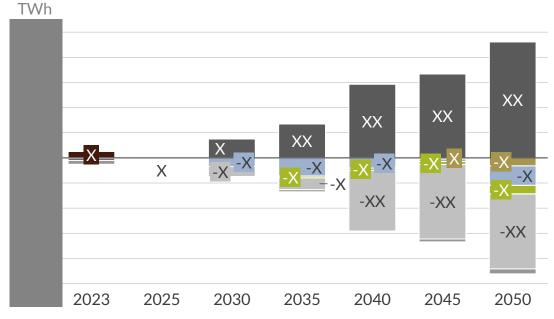
Delta in installed capacity to Central











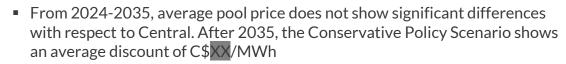
- With smaller renewable capacity, the need for peaking capacity is also reduced in the Conservative Policy Scenario, resulting in XX GW less peaking compared with Central
- Overall, most of the displaced generation with respect to Central, comes from abated CCGT, which is replaced by its unabated counterpart

Coal Cogeneration Gas CCGT CCGT+CCS Other thermal Solar Other RES Hydro Wind Pumped storage Peaking Battery storage

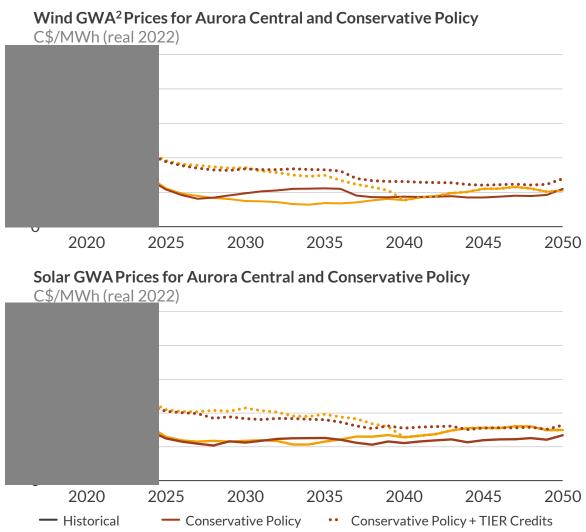
Conservative Policy Scenario: Prices show an average discount of C\$20/MWh from 2035-2050 with respect to Central







- For wind, less built capacity also increases the GWA by C\$XX/MWh from 2024-2040. Additional TIER¹ credits revenue is also captured post 2030
- After 2035, solar GWAs show an average decrease of C\$XXX/MWh with respect to Central, mainly following the lower trend of pool price



— Aurora Central · · Central + TIER Credits

1) Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation. 2) GWA= Generation Weighted Average.

[—] Historical — Aurora Central — Conservative Policy Delta (Scenario - Central)

Key takeaways from Aurora's long-term forecast for AIES



- Pool prices decrease to C\$81/MWh by 2040, followed by a steady increase reaching C\$105/MWh by 2050
- Renewable capacity increases to 23 GW in 2050, driven primarily by Investment Tax Credits, TIER¹ credits revenue and increasing pool price. By 2050, renewables account for 45% of the total generation
- By 2050, CCGT+CCS represents 15% of the capacity and 26% of the total electricity generation
- Under Aurora Central, pool price driven by renewable capacity buildout and requirements of CO₂ abatement. However, pool price is also largely sensitive to gas prices and the enforcement date of the Clean Electricity Regulations
- Shifting policy towards less restrictive emissions standards results in lower pool prices, with an average discount of C\$20/MWh from 2035-2050

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Future sessions will explore a diverse set of topics for AIES



Group meeting 1 Long-term AIES outlook and alternative scenarios Group meeting 2 Renewables investment cases

Group meeting 3 Battery economics & future revenue streams

Group meeting 4 **Transmission Loss Factors** and grid bottlenecks

Future subscriber meetings

- Long term-outlook of pool price, capacity mix and energy mix
- Impacts of Clean Electricity Regulations on price and new capacity
- Alternative scenarios capturing diverse economic and policy outcomes

- Deep dive into the project economics of wind and solar
- Endogenous modelling of renewables and conventional capacity decisions while reflecting grid constraints
- Sensitivity and uncertainty assessment of costs and revenue streams for each technology
- Modelling of battery dispatch under conditions of uncertainty and accounting for cycling constraints
- Battery business cases in the Detailed calibration of the wholesale and ancillary markets
- Analysis of hybrid colocation models with solar and wind
- Analysis of impacts on grid expansion and renewables deployment scenarios on capture prices
 - drivers of pricing
- Subscriber interest will drive future topic selection
- This may include deep dives into:
- Market design reform
- Transmission tariff restructuring
- Carbon Capture and Sequestration for AIES
- Impact of a hydrogen economy in AIES

Online platform access

Access to historical data explorer

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Quarterly

Bilateral follow ups and engagement throughout

Quarterly power market forecasts updates:









Thank you to all the participants for attending today's session

We look forward to continuing the conversation via bilateral sessions

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The next AIES workshop will take place on February 7th, 2024, and will focus on renewables investment cases

