

10th Anniversary National Energy Roundtable Conference

SOCO BALLROOM, DELTA HOTEL, 75 LOWER SIMCOE ST., TORONTO
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

MC **Jason Langrish**, President, The Energy Roundtable

7:45am **Registration and breakfast**

8:30am **Opening remarks**

8:35am **Advancing major projects – Canada’s energy growth strategy**

Prime Minister Mark Carney has pledged to build big, build bold, and build now. There is a renewed sense of optimism that Canada can get back to building major energy and resource projects and reverse the decline in investment that occurred over the past decade. Even the conversation around new pipelines in Canada has shifted markedly over the past six months, with nearly three-quarters of Canadians in support of an East-West pipeline for oil and liquefied natural gas according to a recent Nanos poll. Megaprojects such as TMX and Site C have been completed, and major nuclear, grid and renewables investments underway. What will follow in the queue and will interprovincial cooperation or competition emerge? The panel will examine how Canada can take advantage of this unique window of opportunity to advance major projects and diversify its energy and resource trade.

9:15 am **Fireside chat: AI’s transformation of energy systems**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative force, touching almost every facet of our lives, as well helping to optimize complex energy systems. Beneath the surface of these applications lies a massive energy consumption network that powers AI’s increasing capabilities and reach. Data centres and “hyperscaler” facilities are the infrastructure meeting AI’s growing energy demands. The discussion will examine how Canada companies can provide the reliable, affordable, and lower-carbon energy needed to power AI’s future.

9:45 am **Permitting reform and the need to “Build Big and Build Fast”**

10:15 am **Networking break**

10:45 am **The critical nexus of energy and manufacturing**

Canada and its trading partners are locked in an intense competition to draw high value extraction, manufacturing and data centres to their jurisdictions, as well as supply global energy and commodities markets. This competition has been dramatically escalated with Trump’s trade war. If US markets will be effectively closed to Canadian steel and aluminum exporters, Canadian energy projects present a compelling alternative if done at scale. Panelists will examine the critical nexus of manufacturing and energy and the tools that are available to advance the countries strategic interests.

11:25 am **Natural gas – a bridge or the destination?**

Utility executives have long called natural gas a “bridge” to a carbon-free power grid. On one side lay a past of dirty coal plants; on the other, a clean future of renewables gradually stabilizing the climate. The power demand boom accelerated by things such as artificial intelligence has all but killed off the analogy. Some of those same executives now say gas will remain central to their plans for years to come. Additionally, Asian demand and the world class reserves in Alberta and BC means further runway for Canada’s LNG industry. This discussion will focus on the role of natural gas in Canada’s energy systems going forward.

12:00 pm **Networking lunch with keynote address by (at 12:45 pm. Note: session may be expanded to include additional provincial energy ministers)**

1:05 pm **IESO demand forecast update**

1:25 pm **Fireside chat: Canadian energy and resources – our trump card in a volatile world?**

2:00 pm **President & Chief Executive panel discussion**

A discussion regarding energy trends, challenges, and opportunities from a chief executive perspective, including the impact of investor and stakeholder demands on business models.

2:45 pm Large scale nuclear, SMRs and next-gen reactors

Canada is uniquely positioned to be a major player in a global nuclear energy renaissance. Large scale nuclear, refurbishments and new builds are either underway or have been announced. Several provinces have either announced, or are exploring, bringing SMRs to their province. How can Canada build a robust national supply chain, including for fuels, and export strategy in the nuclear sector? The discussion will review these developments and discuss the implications for Canada's nuclear industry.

3:35 pm Networking break**3:40 pm Canadian transmission and interties strategy**

The discussion will review the requirements for connecting renewable and nuclear-rich provinces to load centres. The session will also cover the role of the federal government, utilities, municipalities and Indigenous partners.

4:20 pm Strategies to spur investments in tough to decarbonize sectors

Can Canada effectively scale next gen fuels such as hydrogen, SAF and biofuels? The panel will review if current policy tools are sufficient to achieve decarbonization in hard to abate sectors, including lessons from the US IRA.

5:00 pm Close by Jason Langrish, President, The Energy Roundtable**5:10 pm Networking Reception in SOCO Ballroom foyer (ends at 7:00 pm)**