

APPENDIX A – Policy Comparison

Item	Liberal Party	Progressive Conservative Party ¹	New Democratic Party ²
Capacity acquisition, procurement and contract management	Supports shift away from out-of-market capacity acquisition and Market Renewal	(2017) Support shift away from out-of-market capacity acquisition and Market Renewal. (2017) Enforce Green Energy Act contracts and use breaches as leverage to renegotiate or exit contracts where feasible. (2017) Moratorium on new contracts.	Import affordable renewable electricity when needed. Question the effectiveness of capacity auctions Not renewing and renegotiating or cancelling “bad” GEA contracts.
Carbon Pricing	Implemented Cap and Trade in 2017	Oppose all forms of carbon pricing. (2017) Cancel the CCAP, end cap-and-trade, and withdraw from WCI.	Favour a form of carbon pricing and have been critical of Cap and Trade.
Planning	LTEP on 3-year cycle Support for local decision making through Regional Planning Process	(2017) Enhance energy planning to make it expert led and transparent and restore local planning authority for renewable energy projects. (2017) Future LTEPs must be brought before a legislative committee to be studied in depth.	Not clear
Electricity Rates - residential, small business, and farmer	Fair Hydro Plan – 25% reduction (residential, small business, and farmer)	(2017) Fair Hydro Plan + Lower the average hydro bill by an additional 12% (residential, small business, and farmer). (2017) Conservation funding and the Smart Meter Charge (SMC) shifted to the tax base.	Lower electricity rates by 30% (from pre-Fair Hydro Plan rates) but oppose FHP.
Electricity Rates – C&I		(2017) “explore all options”, including: a single stable industrial rate, support for combined heat and power (CHP) programs, or exploring fuel switching programs allow for Ontario companies to purchase power at an affordable rate instead of sending it to competing jurisdictions at a loss.	Fixed delivery charge (urban and rural) End Mandatory Time of Use real oversight to electricity prices Using tax benefits to help ratepayers Make the HST rebate permanent, and negotiate with the federal government to remove their 5% portion on hydro bills Capping private profit margins.
Conservation	Committed to CFF through 2017 LTEP	(2017) Supports CFF.	Generally supportive of conservation.

¹ Items marked with “2017” are based on the party platform released in November 2017. The platform will be replaced in the coming weeks with a shorter, more targeted platform.

² All items noted are based the most recent policy document released February 2017 https://www.ontariondp.ca/sites/default/files/final_ndp_hydro_announcement.pdf or through various public pronouncements since 2017.

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Nuclear	Committed to refurbishment schedule in LTEP	(2017) Committed to refurbishment schedule as in 2017 LTEP.	Not in favour of the current nuclear refurbishment plans.
Regulatory/Sector Change	Established OEB Modernization Panel in December 2017, <i>Strategic Blueprint 2017-2022: Keeping Pace With an Evolving Energy Sector</i>	(2017) Reform the Ontario Energy Board to reduce regulatory burden, to embrace innovation and increase adaptability to emerging technologies. (2017) not allow any further sale of Hydro One to private investors.	Establish an independent panel of energy experts and planners, businesses, labour, watchdogs, public power administrators, and consumer and environmental advocates will be formed to create systemic changes. Renew the OEB's mandate to expand its role and including reserved seats for ratepayers and consumer advocates.
Surplus Baseload		(2017) Ask the IESO to study and report on potential options - rooted in evidence - to reduce the amount of hydroelectric power the province wastes annually.	"Fix" Oversupply
Net Metering	MicroFIT ended, moving towards net metering	(2017) Support evaluating the impacts net-metering.	Not clear
Other related Policy options		Prioritize the Ring of Fire development. PC Party Policy Recommendations October 2017 – inputs to the November 2017 policy document: • (2017) ensure proper data collection for reported industrial wind turbine incidents. • (2017) electronic vehicle registration for automobile dealers. • (2017) let customers decide what level of detail they want to see on their hydro bills. • (2017) support natural gas expansion throughout rural and Northern Ontario. • (2017) recognizes that Northern Ontario is very different from Southern Ontario and as such Ontario PC Party's policy is to create a Northern panel to review legislation and policies affecting the North through a Northern lens.	