# Transitioning to a Low Carbon Economy in New Brunswick

Why Public Investments Are Better Than Subsidies/Incentives

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#### **Overview**

- Sustainability
- What is a IRP
- Objectives
- NB Power IRP
- Alternative IRP
- Conclusions
- Call to action



 Even Renewables and Efficiency have Environmental Impacts. Nuclear Waste

 Electricity is an Essential Service

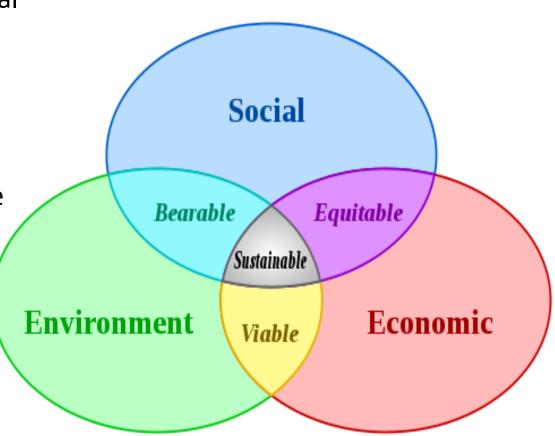
Electricity Rates

 Who Profits Public VS Private financing

 Participants VS Non Participants

What to do with the profits

Technical Viability



### Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

- Long-term business plan for NB Power
- Guides decision-making based on:
  - Least cost
  - Environmental, social, and economic sustainability
- An alternative to NB Power's IRP
- We are both the Customers and Owners.

Todays Auditor General Report

#### **Impact on Province of New Brunswick**

- Rating agencies signal:
  - NB Power is the Province's largest contingent risk; and
  - Debt to equity remains very high in relation to other provincial utilities.
- There is an impact to all New Brunswickers when NB Power financial targets are not met.
- Significant concerns of sustainability exist, given:
  - NB Power's net income did not meet the Province's expectations by \$195 million over the last four years; and
  - Planned major capital projects.

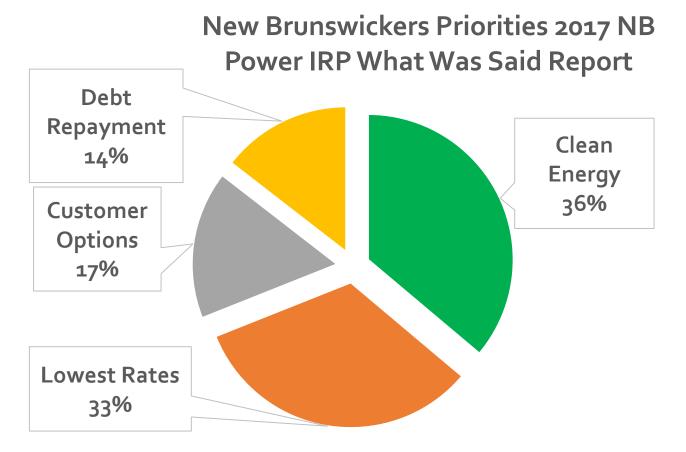
## **Environmental Objectives**

Transitioning 95% RPS<sub>1</sub> of our total energy Green the <u>electricity</u> grid 95% Renewable needs to (already 75% carbon free) renewables using our own Publicly owned renewable RPS<sub>2</sub> energy sources at Green energy consumption the least cost and 95% Renewable most profitable (fuel shift or electrification)

Work on both efforts at the same time Let's focus on the first 95% not the last 5%

# **Social Objectives**

 As the owners and customers of NB Power we want clean energy and low rates



# Do you want clean energy and low rates?

# **Economic Objectives**

- Pay off OUR huge NB Power Debt while maintaining Low Rates
- Have a profitable Healthy Public Utility based on renewables.
- Benefit ALL New Brunswickers

HYDRO-QUÉBEC IN FIGURES

\$2,303 million

\$3.4 billion
Investments in Québec in 2020

7.30¢/kWh
Residential rate,
the lowest in North America

\$3.6 billion
Contribution to the Québec government's revenue in 2020

202.7 TWh

Net electricity sales,
including 31.3 TWh in exports

96%
Public satisfaction index

It is Possible!!!!

#### **NB** Power IRP

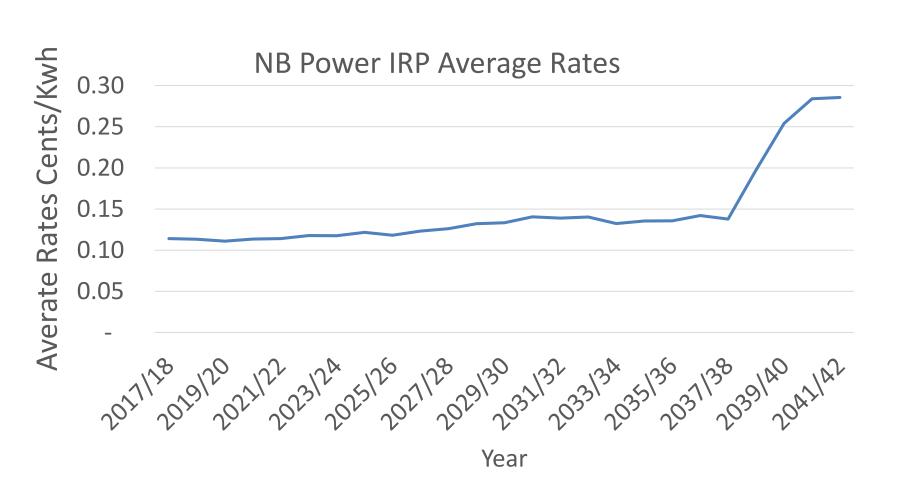
- Efficiency Subsidies/Incentives
- Very Little Renewables and Privately Financed
- More Nuclear
- Deferral-Almost all capacity Needs Replaced in 2041

Year	NB Power Plan	Capacity
2018	Reduce and Shift Demand	621 MW
2020	<b>Embeded Generation</b>	13 MW
2021	LORESS	80 MW
2031	Millbank Ste Rose Refurbishment	297 MW
2033	Mactaquac	653 MW
2040	Lepreau Replace in Kind	660 MW
2041	Natural Gas	1236 MW
2041	Millbank Ste Rose Refurbishment	198 MW

This is Not What We Asked For!!!!

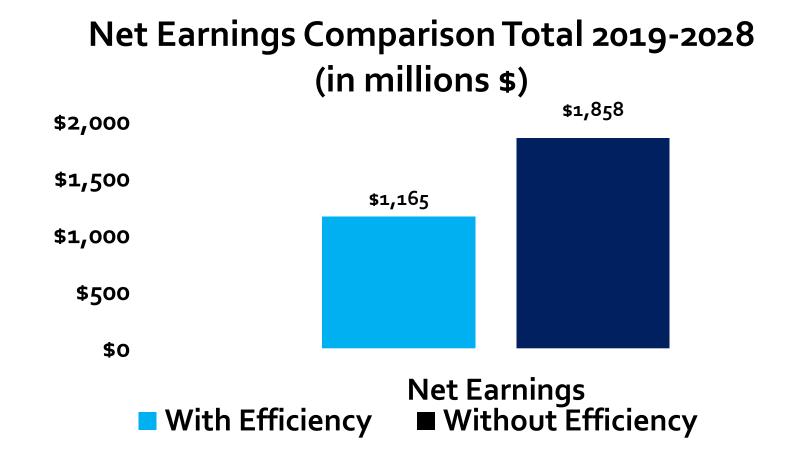
# **NB Power IRP Rate Projections**

- Deferral Will Cause Huge Rate Increase
- Almost 300% Rate Increase



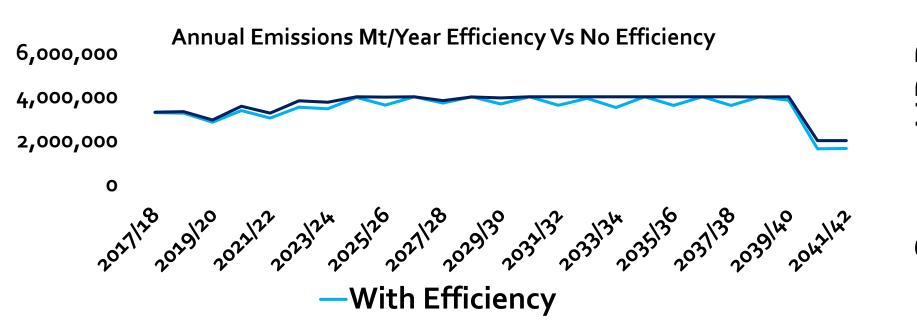
# Subsidies/Incentives-Economic Sustainability

- Subsidies results in \$700 Million lost in Net Earning over 10 years
- Causes Rate Increases



# **Subsidies-Environmental Sustainability**

- Only 5% Reduction in Emissions Over 25 Years
- Because our Grid is already 75% Carbon Free
- Using Less Electricity always doesn't mean less carbon



# **Subsidies-Social Sustainability**

- Very Few Rate Payers Benefit-Participants
- We All Pay for the Programs-Non Participants
- Large upfront costs = Barrier to Accessibility

Program	Total Participants 2015 to 2021	Total In Rate Class	Percentange of Particpants VS Non Particpants
Residential Home Retrofit	9776	366487	2.7%
Residential Direct Install	8100	366487	2.2%
Residential New Contruction	2260	366487	0.6%
Ductless Mini-Split Head Pump	14659	366487	4.0%
Commercial Building Retrofit	428	31326	1.4%
Small Buisiness Lighting Program	4600	31326	14.7%
Commercial New Contruction Program	18	31326	0.1%
Small/Mediam Industrial Program	197	1827	10.8%
Large Industrial Program	69	1827	3.8%

#### Is this Fair?

#### Instead of Subsidies: Investments

- No Cross Subsidization
- Fair to Everyone Even Non Participants
- Efficiency Pays for Efficiency
- No Upfront Costs=Better Access

		Cost Per		
Program	Units	Unit	Investment	<b>Return On Investment</b>
		_		Increased Electricity Sales
EV Car Incentive	588000	\$2,000	\$1,176,000,000	Dependent on Rate Design
				Increased Electricity Sales
School Buses	1200	\$300,000	\$360,000,000	Dependent on Rate Design
		_	_	Increased Electricity Sales
Normal Buses	1200	\$300,000	\$360,000,000	Dependent on Rate Design
		_	_	Increased Electricity Sales
Electrode Boiler MW	400	\$300,000	\$120,000,000	Dependent on Rate Design
				Interest Rate = Used to
On Bill Financing Solar				assure no cross
<b>Lease-Efficiency Loans</b>			\$500,000,000	subsidization
Average Return				5.6%
DSM Total Investment			\$2,516,000,000	\$1,822,602,066

# Investment Plan-3 Step Process "Invest In Solutions"

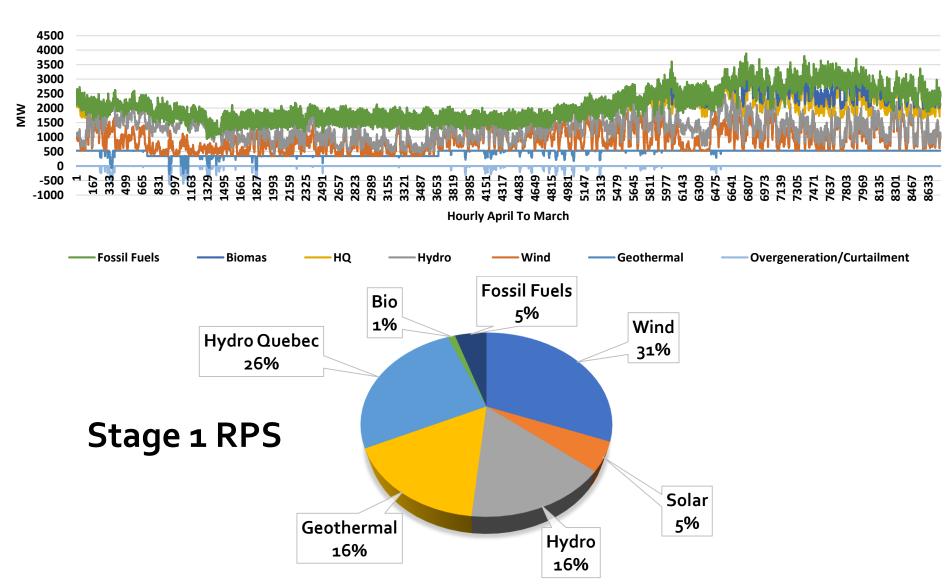
Step 1= Tax Problem (Carbon) to Raise Capital
Step 2= Invest In Solutions (Renewables/Efficiency)

Step 3= Reinvest	Profits in	to So	lutions

Year- Technology Type	Carbon Tax \$/Year \$24/Ton	Accumulated Reinvestment \$/Year	Total Investment \$/Year	Efficiency/Fuel Switching Investments- Debt Repayment- Dividend	Displaced Cost - (O&M +Fuel)
2019 Hydro	\$370,000,000	<b>\$0</b>	\$370,000,000		\$24,093,123
2020 Hydro	\$370,000,000	\$24,093,123	\$394,093,123		\$25,661,984
<b>2021 Wind</b>	\$370,000,000	\$49,755,107	\$369,755,107	\$50,000,000	\$27,935,176
2022 Wind	\$370,000,000	\$77,690,284	\$397,690,284	\$50,000,000	\$30,045,692
<b>2023 Wind</b>	\$370,000,000	\$107,735,976	\$427,735,976	\$50,000,000	\$32,315,659

# **Investment Plan-Viability**

**Supply Stage 1 RPS Hourly Generation Stacked** 



#### Investment Plan vs. Business-as-Usual

Buisness As Usual Comparison		2014-15 NB Power Annual
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Total Generation	18,223,000	18,223,000
Total System Rate (PPA) \$/MWh	\$101	\$101
Total Revenue \$/Year	\$1,791,000,000	\$1,791,000,000
Total System Capital Investment \$/Lifespan	\$10,850,823,211	NA
Depreciation and Amortization Expense \$/Year	\$310,118,118	\$239,000,000
Total Fuel and Purchased Power \$/Year	\$383,197,360	\$826,000,000
Total O & M \$/Year	\$367,169,556	\$477,000,000
Debt to Equity Ratio	0:100	96:4
Financing Cost/Interest	\$0	\$229,000,000
Taxes	\$37,000,000	\$37,000,000
Net Debt	\$0	\$4,913,000,000
Total Net Earnings (Interest) \$/Year	\$693,514,966	\$73,000,000

#### This is What New Brunswickers Asked For!!!!

#### **Sensitivity Analysis Technology**

- Renewables are Least Cost Option
- Renewables are Least Risk
- Renewables are Most Profitable

Technology Mix	Gas	95% Renewable	Nuclear
<b>Total Generation</b>	18,223,000	18,223,000	18,223,000
Total System Rate (PPA) \$/MWh	\$101	\$101	\$101
Total Revenue \$/Year	\$1,791,000,000	\$1,791,000,000	\$1,791,000,000
Depreciation and Amortization Expense \$/Year	\$279,092,753	\$310,118,118	\$365,107,070
Total Fuel and Purchased Power \$/Year	\$494,701,520	\$383,197,360	\$429,464,080
Total O & M \$/Year	\$327,672,649	\$367,169,556	\$358,441,627
Debt to Equity Ratio	0:100	0:100	0:100
Taxes	\$37,000,000	\$37,000,000	\$37,000,000
Net Debt	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
Total Net Earnings (Interest) \$/Year	\$652,533,078	\$693,514,966	\$600,987,223

#### Public Vs Private Financing (PPA's)

- Privatization Will Raise Rates
- Privatization Will Reduce OUR Profits
- Privatization Will Benefit Very Few
- Public Financing will Still Create many private sector jobs

Financing Sensitivity	Private Financing	Stage 1 RPS Public Financing	80% Debt Financing
Total Generation MWh	18,223,000	18,223,000	18,223,000
Total System Rate \$/MWh	\$101	\$101	\$101
Total Revenue \$/Year	\$1,791,000,000	\$1,791,000,000	\$1,791,000,000
Total System Capital Investment \$/Lifespan	\$1,280,000,000	\$9,303,543,531	\$9,303,543,531
Depreciation and Amortization Expense \$/Year	\$42,666,667	\$310,118,118	\$310,118,118
Total Fuel and Purchased Power \$/Year	\$1,340,331,600	\$383,197,360	\$383,197,360
Total O & M \$/Year	\$191,072,000	\$367,169,556	\$367,169,556
Debt to Equity Ratio	0:100	0:100	20:80
Financing Cost/Interest	\$0	\$0	\$387,027,411
Taxes	\$37,000,000	\$37,000,000	\$37,000,000
Net Debt	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	\$7,442,834,825
Total Net Earnings \$/Year	\$179,929,733	\$693,514,966	\$306,487,556

#### **Conclusions**

- Not all Green Policy is created equally
- Investments benefit all New Brunswickers
- Investments Keeps power rates low and stable
- Investments will pay down our NB Power debt and make it profitable
- Investments will reduce carbon emissions
- Investments will create many jobs in both the public and private sectors.

#### **Call To Action**

- Lobby All Political parties, and NB Power for investments rather than subsidies
- Intervene In Public EUB
- Hearings (Oct 2021)
- Share on Social Media

# A made in New Brunswick Green New Deal

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