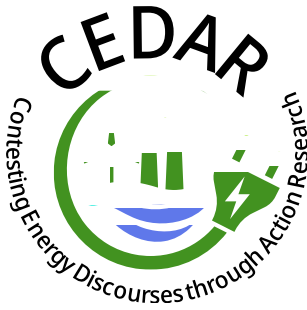




## **The CEDAR Project**

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### **Re: Comment, Centre Village Renewables Integration and Grid Security Project**

The CEDAR project at St. Thomas University in Fredericton is studying the energy transition from fossil fuels to more sustainable forms of energy generation. We welcome the opportunity to comment briefly on the proposed gas plant project near Centre Village and Midgic.

Our comment concerns missing information not available to the public at this stage of the assessment process. We have other concerns with the project itself that will wait for a later stage.

The Initial Project Description document (dated July 4, prepared by PROENERGY) includes the important Chapter 12, Project Alternatives, which "identifies potential alternative means of carrying out the Project as well as alternatives to the Project" (p. 12).

Chapter 12, Project Alternatives, is seriously deficient. The conclusions are unsupported by transparent analysis or information to back up statements made. Where is the financial information to support unsubstantiated claims? In particular, the document dismisses renewable energy systems using fossil fuel misinformation. The authors display a disturbing lack of knowledge about alternative energy systems.

I've heard that two non-government organizations preparing submissions and briefs lack precisely this information about the project. They will be able to prepare substantive briefs on alternatives to the project IF they have the data to work with.

The CEDAR project is conducting studies on information available to the public related to energy systems, information is required so the public can make informed choices about our collective energy future.

Too often we see governments and public bodies withholding information from the public. The perception is that governments are protecting powerful interests and industries, rather than protecting the public interest.

The "Centre Village Renewables Integration and Grid Security Project" raises significant concerns with health, the environment, Indigenous rights, the economy, and energy security.

We urge you to address this information gap and make this information available, preferably in a revised document or addendum released as soon as possible, so public-interest non-government organizations can do their due diligence.

I would be pleased to supply details about the specific information required.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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