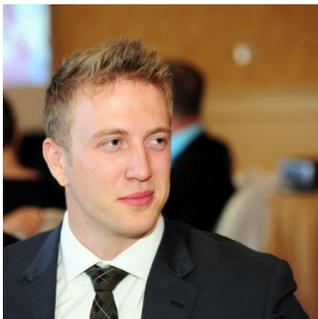




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June 15, 2015

A Note from Ben Weir, CanSIA Director of Policy & Regulatory Affairs



Good morning!

Last week I joined the CanSIA team, as Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs. Working out of CanSIA's Toronto office, I will support CanSIA's enhanced policy and advocacy focus to create opportunities and build markets for the Canadian solar energy industry.

Prior to joining CanSIA, I worked at the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) where I held a lead policy role on renewable generation procurement programs with roles including policy and procurement design, stakeholder consultation, strategic communications, research and financial analysis.

Most recently, I was involved in all aspects of the development and administration of the Large Renewable Procurement, including the design, launch and administration of the RFQ and current design of the RFP and Contract. Since 2011, I have also played a central role in the research, design and implementation of program enhancements to the Feed-in Tariff and microFIT programs.

I am a graduate of the Balsillie School of International Affairs at Wilfrid Laurier University with a Masters in International Public Policy specializing in environmental policy and international governance and am very much looking forward to bringing these skill sets to bear while working in my new role to advance solar energy in Canada.

Please read on for some other policy, regulatory and market updates from my colleagues on the CanSIA Executive Team:

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Kindest regards,

Ben Weir

CanSIA, Director of Policy & Regulatory Affairs

Ontarians Strongly Favour Solar and Want Policy to Continue

Public polling commissioned by CanSIA demonstrates that solar energy is viewed as playing an important role in our energy-mix by Ontarians who also want to see continued emphasis placed on solar energy by policy-makers ([as reported in the Globe and Mail](#)).



David Herle the Principal Partner with leading polling and research firm The Gandalf Group and nationally recognized leader in public opinion research delivered the results to attendees at Solar Ontario 2015 ([Presentation](#), [Audio](#)). While some question [whether the public would still support solar if they considered our industry's environmental footprint](#), most understand that while [solar power isn't perfect, it's the best we've got](#).

Canada Border Services Agency makes final determination in Trade Case

On June 3, pursuant to paragraph 41(1)(a) of the Special Import Measures Act, the President of the Canada Border Services Agency made final determinations of dumping and subsidizing respecting certain photovoltaic modules and laminates from China (see final duties in table, as a

percentage of export price). On Friday June 5, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) heard closing arguments on its inquiry into the question of injury or threat of injury to the domestic industry and will make an order or finding by July 3, 2015. Provisional duties will continue to apply on imports of subject goods until the date of the CITT's order of finding. Should the CITT rule that dumping and subsidization has been injurious or pose a threat of injury to the domestic industry, the final duties would come into effect from that point forward.

MARGINS OF DUMPING AND AMOUNTS OF SUBSIDY BY EXPORTER

Exporter	Margin of Dumping*	Amount of Subsidy per Watt (RMB)
Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Changshu) Inc. & Canadian Solar International Limited	83.2%	0.014
Changzhou Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd.	120.5%	0.018
Hefei JA Solar Technology Co., Ltd.	48.4%	0.011
Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.	112.6%	0.028
Zhejiang Jinko Solar Trading Co., Ltd.	115.9%	0.046
Renesola Jiangsu Ltd.	9.3%	0.003
Wuxi Taichen Machinery & Equipment Co., Ltd.	25.9%	0.074
Wuxi Suntech Power Co., Ltd.	154.4%**	0.032
All Other Exporters	154.4%	0.340

* As a percentage of export price.

** Denotes rate for all other exporters.

Important Notice Regarding IESO Communication to microFIT Contract Holders

This message is to notify our members that the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) issued a communication Thursday afternoon to microFIT Contract holders. The IESO communication specifies that versions 2 and 3 of the microFIT Contract prohibit the redirection of settlement payments from an LDC to a third party that is not the microFIT Contract holder.

CanSIA realizes that this communication may have serious consequences for some of our members that utilize the redirection of settlement payments from an LDC, and to the microFIT industry more broadly. Likewise, this communication from the IESO has the ability to destabilize solar adoption in general, as the confusion it engenders in the marketplace may elicit media attention, all of which could further undermine the argument for solar under present and future FIT and microFIT Contracts.

[Read more, including the IESO communication and who to contact, here.](#)

75 MW of Community Power for New Brunswick - Details in Fall, 2015

NB Power says as part of its goal to generate [40 per cent of its in-province sales from renewable sources by 2020, it will encourage locally owned, small-scale green energy](#). The plan would involve co-operatives



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and First Nations communities building and owning renewable energy projects such as solar. NB Power would buy the energy from the communities. The New Brunswick Department of Energy and Mines is currently reviewing NB Power's Community Energy Program. It's expected to issue guidelines in the fall about how the program should work. A key ingredient for facilitating small-scale renewables is rebuilding the grid to allow power to be distributed easily between the communities. A distributed power system will push the utility to build a grid which can accommodate thousands of little power sites. NB Power is simultaneously introducing Smart Grid technology to manage the flow of power back and forth between small energy sources. This initiative provides an opportunity for solar, and CanSIA are engaged with the utility to introduce solar options into the procurement.



Municipalities: "it's not easy being green"

Municipal Councils view themselves as the closest level of government to the public, environmental issues poll very highly at a local level and most municipal strategic plans have great emphasis on the environment according to Dave McCleary of StrategyCorp Inc. But municipalities, as Ontario's largest energy consumers and shareholders in electricity distribution, don't have a sustainable infrastructure problem, they have a revenue problem according to Gary McNamara, the Mayor of Tecumseh, Chair of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Chair of Essex Power Corporation. Listen to the insights of these two stalwarts from Ontario's municipal sector at Solar Ontario 2015 to hear about the role of municipalities in enabling and adopting solar - Dave McCleary ([audio](#)) and Mayor McNamara ([audio](#)).

Alberta's Climate Change Strategy by July, Minister Phillips

Premier Rachel Notley has appointed her new 12 member cabinet half of whom represent Edmonton constituencies. Former Peace River schoolteacher, Marg McCuaig-Boyd has been appointed to the portfolio of Energy and Lethbridge-West MLA Shannon Phillips will serve as Environment Minister (the full cabinet [can be viewed online](#)).



Minister Phillips has already made the announcement to [expect a new climate change plan before July. A well-thought-out strategy is crucial on climate change.](#) In the meantime, the government has already begun taking positive action towards climate change mitigation, in partnership with municipalities. [A provincial funding boost for the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre will help local governments further reduce their carbon footprint, create jobs, and lower energy bills.](#) This \$2 million initiative in conservation and energy efficiency, led by local governments, puts municipalities on the frontline of climate change.

Rate Design, Revenue De-Coupling and Distributed Generation

Don't know what rate design and revenue de-coupling are? Interested what your local utility may be thinking about when they consider distributed generation, conservation and demand side management and storage? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, [listen to Peter Fraser](#), Vice President, Industry Operations and Performance of the Ontario Energy Board at Solar Ontario 2015 as he provides an update on the topics that are invigorating electricity regulatory circles.

The Solar Industry Spends a Day at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (Queen's Park)



CanSIA's Solar Advocacy Day at Queen's Park began with a breakfast reception, was followed by an introduction of CanSIA at Question Period and then twenty five meetings with Ministers, elected officials and senior policy-makers. In addition to the results of the public polling, representatives of the industry presented several key messages including a recommendation that the next iteration of the Long Term Energy Plan recognize the

important role that solar can play and allows rate-payers to benefit from rapidly falling technology costs. A ["leave-behind" document was presented to all meeting attendees](#) and several requests for further information from elected officials on issues that affected their constituents were followed-up on.

CanSIA Provides Comment on LRP SNCI Screening and TAT Table Updates

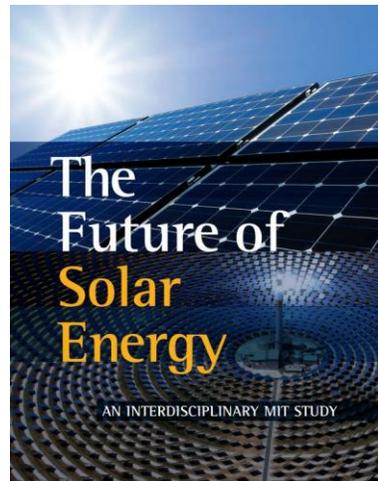
The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Large Renewable Procurement (LRP) Team completed the Supplementary Network Circuit Information (SNCI) screening process and updated the Transmission Availability Test Table (TAT Tables) on May 22nd, 2015 and subsequently further updating the TAT Table on June 4th, 2015. [In a letter, CanSIA suggested the following actions be considered by the IESO:](#) 1) Host a technical consultation session with Qualified Applicants to describe the technical assumptions used in the LRP I RFP connection assessment process (both the SNCI and TAT/DAT processes) 2) provide clear guidance to Qualified Applicants on whether to continue to develop projects within specific sub-regions of the Ontario power system.



CanSIA President & CEO, John Gorman, speaks on Sustainability Consciousness – Take a look at the Interview in PV Buzz

MIT Energy Initiative Releases Major Report on the Future of Solar Energy

Solar energy holds the best potential for meeting humanity's future long term energy needs while cutting greenhouse gas emissions according to a [comprehensive report released by The MIT Energy Initiative \(MITEI\)](#). The Future of Solar Energy reflects on the technical, commercial and policy dimensions of solar energy today and makes recommendations to policymakers regarding more effective federal and state support for research and development, technology demonstration, and solar deployment. Among its major themes is the need to prepare our electricity systems, both technically and from a regulatory standpoint, for very large-scale deployment of solar generation - which tends to vary unpredictably throughout the day. To this end, the study emphasizes the need for federal research and development support to advance low-cost, large-scale electricity storage technologies.



Buildings and Districts as Renewable Energy Source
Toronto 29. May 2015
Univ. Prof. Dr.-Ing. M. Norbert Fisch
IGS TU Braunschweig | CEO EGSolan Stuttgart

Canadian German Conference on Renewable Energies in Buildings

On May 29, 2015 the Canadian German Conference on Renewable Energies in Buildings took place at the Allstream Centre in Toronto, organized by the Canadian German Chamber of Industry and Commerce Inc. Approximately 50 participants attended the half-day conference to discuss leading technologies and recent developments related to the integration of renewable energies, such as solar,

biomass and geothermal into buildings. [Patrick Bateman represented CanSIA with a presentation addressing some key topics](#) including whether Building Integrated Photovoltaics (BIPV) belongs in Ontario's microFIT and FIT programs. The keynote address was provided by [Professor Dr. M.](#)

[Norbert Fisch of the Institute for Building Services and Energy Design at the Braunschweig University of Technology in Germany about the German perspective on buildings and districts as renewable energy sources.](#) He informed the audience about the direction Germany has been taking with Energy-Plus building design technologies, which allow buildings and whole neighbourhoods to generate power to supply to the grid as well as to cover their own energy consumption. Want more information on BIPV? [This presentation from Rob McMonagle of the City of Toronto](#) provides a great snapshot of the opportunity that BIPV can hold for cities.

Take a look at some of the stories we are following...

- [Technology will help industry meet G7 climate change goals: petroleum producers](#)
- [Record boost in new solar power continues massive industry growth](#)
- [Hawaii Is Aiming for 100 Percent Energy Renewables. Can the Nation Follow?](#)
- [Alberta Renewables Shift Seen as Premier Looks to Ontario](#)

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- Industry Capacity Development;and,
- Profile Building and Networking.



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